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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P.  
216, L.D. 687, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Occupational Disease  
Law"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the  
title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place  
the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2, 3, 4, 5  
and 6 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §609-A is enacted to read:

§609-A. Medical services

An employee with an occupational disease is entitled to  
medical services as provided to an injured worker under the Maine  
Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 even if the employee is not  
incapacitated by the occupational disease. Compensation is not  
payable for medical services due to an occupational disease  
unless the diagnosis of the occupational disease is made within 3  
years after the last injurious exposure to the occupational  
disease in the employment.

The 3-year limitation under this section does not apply to a  
full-time firefighter who files a claim for an occupationally  
related cancer under this chapter and whose last injurious  
exposure to a carcinogen in the employer's employment occurred  
after January 1, 1985. For the purposes of this section,  
"full-time firefighter" means a regular full-time member, active  
or retired, of a municipal fire department if that person has  
aided in the extinguishment of fires, whether or not that person  
had administrative duties or other duties as a member of the  
municipal fire department.

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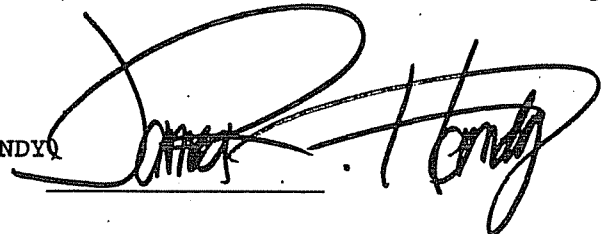
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2 The amendment retains the current exemption from the 3-year  
4 limit for asbestos-related diseases and firefighter claims for  
6 cancer.

8 (Senator HANDYQ  
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