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S.P. 374

In Senate, April 1, 1993

An Act to Amend the Minimum Safety Standards for Firefighters.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HOGLUND of Portland, RAND of Portland, SWAZEY of Bucksport.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
	as emergencies; and
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	Whereas, firefighters need to implement changes in
6	protective clothing requirements prior to the heat associated
	with summer; and
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	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
10	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
12	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
	safety; now, therefore,
14	그 그는 이 이러 되면 가는 것 같습니다. 이 그래의 그리고 가장 하는 것 같습니다.
	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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	Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2103, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 356,
18	is amended to read:
20	3. Protective clothing. Protective clothing consists of a
2.2	coat and trousers or a coverall designed to provide body
22	protection from moisture, flames, radiant heat, contact with
24	caustic or toxic materials and other harmful exposures to a
24	firefighter. <u>Protective clothing may also consist of a coat and</u> 3/4-length boots or other National Fire Protection Association
26	footwear when worn in conjunction with station uniforms complying
20	with National Fire Protection Association standards. Purchases
28	of new protective clothing by a fire department must meet or
	exceed the National Fire Protection Association standards.
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	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
32	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	This bill provides firefighters with greater flexibility in
38	protective clothing while still ensuring adequate safety. It
	remedies problems that firefighters in the State have with heat
40	stress due to the weight and mobility restrictions of present

protective clothing.