

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 287

In Senate, February 11, 1997

**An Act to Include Incorporated Fire Departments Recognized by Any Authority Created by Statute within the Protection of the Maine Tort Claims Act.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, HARRIMAN of Cumberland,  
Representatives: DONNELLY of Presque Isle, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §8102, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104,  
Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

6 **3. Political subdivision.** "Political subdivision" means any  
7 city, town, plantation, county, administrative entity or  
8 instrumentality created pursuant to Title 30-A, chapters 115 and  
9 119, incorporated fire fighting unit officially recognized by any  
10 authority created by statute, quasi-municipal corporation and  
11 special purpose district, including, but not limited to, any  
12 water district, sanitary district, hospital district, school  
13 district of any type, any volunteer fire association as defined  
14 in Title 30-A, section 3151, and any emergency medical service.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill includes within the protection of the Maine Tort  
19 Claims Act any incorporated fire fighting unit that is officially  
20 recognized by any authority created by statute. The bill expands  
21 protection of the Act beyond the current law's limitation to  
22 volunteer fire associations as defined in the Maine Revised  
23 Statutes, Title 30-A, section 3151.  
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