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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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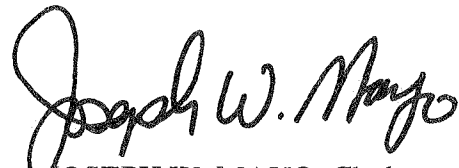
No. 1204

H.P. 887

House of Representatives, February 25, 1997

An Act to Establish the Maine Disaster Relief Laws.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, ETNIER of Harpswell,
GIERINGER of Portland, MITCHELL of Portland, SAXL of Portland.

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

4 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19-B is enacted to read:

6 §19-B. State employee participation in disaster relief

8 1. American Red Cross leave. With the approval of the
employee's appointing authority, a state employee who is a
10 certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross
may be granted a leave not to exceed 15 days in each year to
12 participate in specialized disaster relief services for the
American Red Cross, upon the request of the American Red Cross,
14 without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime
accumulation.

16 2. Fire or ambulance calls. With the approval of the
employee's appointing authority, a state employee who is an
18 active volunteer firefighter or member of a volunteer ambulance
service or company may be permitted to respond to fire calls or
20 ambulance calls during the regular hours of employment without
loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime
22 accumulation.

24 Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2705 is enacted to read:

26 §2705. Municipal employee participation in disaster relief

28 1. Municipal employees. With the approval of the
legislative body of the municipality, a municipal employee who is
30 a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross
may be granted a leave not to exceed 15 days in each year to
32 participate in specialized disaster relief services for the
American Red Cross, upon the request of the American Red Cross,
34 without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime
accumulation.

38 SUMMARY

40 This bill allows disaster relief workers who are state or
municipal employees to leave work for up to 15 days each year
42 when asked by the American Red Cross to respond to a disaster.
The bill requires the approval of the employer and allows the
44 employee to be paid at the regular rate without any interruption
in benefits.