

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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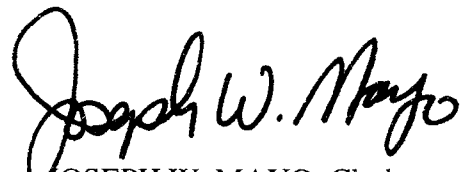
H.P. 292

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**An Act to Exempt Volunteer Fire Departments from Health and Safety  
Laws.**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot.

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

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Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2101, as amended by PL 1997, c. 683, Pt. A,  
4 §15, is further amended to read:

6 **§2101. Definitions**

8 As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates  
otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

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12 1. **Fire department.** "Fire department" means a municipal  
fire department, as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151,  
14 subsection 1, ~~or a volunteer fire association, as defined in  
Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 3.~~

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18 2. **Firefighter.** "Firefighter" means a municipal  
firefighter, as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection  
2, ~~or a volunteer firefighter, as defined in Title 30-A, section  
3151, subsection 4.~~

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill exempts volunteer fire departments from state law  
setting forth minimum safety standards.