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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1676, L.D. 2342, Bill, "An Act to Add Emergency Medical Services to the Municipal Fire Department Authority"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3151, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

1. **Municipal fire department.** "Municipal fire department" means an organized firefighting unit established under municipal charter, ordinance or bylaw to prevent and extinguish fires and, if authorized by charter, ordinance or bylaw, to provide emergency services.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3151, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Provide emergency services. "Provide emergency services" means to respond to and manage other public safety emergencies, including, but not limited to, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents or natural or man-made disasters.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §3156, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §30 and Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

§3156. Fire aid to other municipalities

Unless otherwise provided by charter or ordinance, the municipal officers may authorize the municipal fire department to aid in extinguishing fires with any public safety emergencies in other municipalities by providing all the municipal fire

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department's available resources as needed. Municipal and volunteer firefighters when assisting other municipalities have the same privileges and immunities as when acting in their own municipality. Any municipality may compensate an aiding municipality or volunteer fire association for damage to the aiding ~~department~~ department's or association's property and to any firefighter or to the firefighter's surviving spouse or dependents because of injury or death sustained in the course of rendering aid to that municipality.

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5725, sub-§9, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

9. Ambulance. Provide for a public ambulance ambulances and ~~garage~~ garages for ~~it~~ them, or support an ambulance service serving its residents;'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the original bill. It expands the definition of "municipal fire department" and defines "emergency services" under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A. The amendment also broadens the emergency services that municipal fire departments may provide to other municipalities through mutual aid agreements. It also makes technical changes to Title 30-A, section 5725.