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House of Representatives, February 20, 2001

An Act Regarding Health Insurance for Firefighters.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLWELL of Gardiner,
DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN
of Augusta, O'NEIL of Saco, RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 776,
§1, is further amended to read:

6 A group health plan is available to state eligible
employees, subject to the following provisions.

8 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

10 E-1. Any career municipal firefighter. For purposes of
12 this paragraph, "career municipal firefighter" means a
14 member of the fire service employed full-time by a municipal
16 government in this State, including fire chiefs and other
18 administrative officers;

20 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-B,** as amended by P&SL 1993, c. 67,
§1, is further amended to read:

22 **1-B. Ineligibility.** Eligibility under this section shall
24 may not be extended to include members of the Maine Municipal
26 Association or the Maine Education Association or employees of
counties and municipalities and instrumentalities thereof,
including quasi-municipal corporations, except for career
municipal firefighters eligible pursuant to subsection 1,
paragraph E-1.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill makes active and retired career municipal
32 firefighters in the State eligible as a class of employees to
participate in the state employee health insurance program.