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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 804, L.D. 1048, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Maine Firefighter Training Fund"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3172." in subsection 3 in the 4th line (page 1, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting in its place the following: 'may'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3172." in subsection 3 in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 42 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "association" the following: 'submitting a roster'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2001-02 2002-03

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Fire Marshal - Office of

All Other \$500 \$500

Provides initial allocations for the Maine Firefighter Training Fund.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

2001-02 2002-03

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds	\$500	\$500
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The Department of Public Safety estimates that it would cost at least \$1,220,000 on an annual basis to provide \$100 in training funds for each qualified firefighter in the State. The Maine Firefighter Training Fund is established to provide the training funds for this purpose and is authorized to accept public and private funds. Unless the fund is provided with annual appropriations from the General Fund, it is unlikely that the fund will receive sufficient funds to be able to achieve the purpose of providing \$100 towards the annual training costs of each qualified firefighter in the State. Absent any appropriation from the General Fund, the amounts of public and private funds that the fund may receive can not be determined at this time.

The bill includes initial Other Special Revenue fund allocations of \$500 annually beginning in fiscal year 2001-02 for the Maine Firefighter Training Fund within the Department of Public Safety.'

SUMMARY

This amendment allows, but does not require, fire chiefs to submit rosters of names of qualified firefighters in order to receive funding under this bill. This amendment also adds an allocation section to the bill to allow spending from the Maine Firefighter Training Fund established by this bill. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.