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House of Representatives, February 22, 2001

An Act to Establish the Maine Firefighter Training Fund.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec, Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and

Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, BUMPS of China, COWGER of Hallowell, FULLER of Manchester, McKEE of Wayne, NASS of Acton, O'BRIEN of Augusta, RINES of Wiscasset, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

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

4 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 154 is enacted to read:

6 CHAPTER 154

8 MAINE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING FUND

10 §3171. Definitions

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

14 1. Municipal fire department. "Municipal fire department"
has the same meaning as in section 3151.

16 2. Qualified firefighter. "Qualified firefighter" means an
active municipal firefighter or an active volunteer firefighter,
as defined in section 3151.

18 3. Volunteer fire association. "Volunteer fire
association" has the same meaning as in section 3151.

20 §3172. The Maine Firefighter Training Fund

22 1. Fund established. The Maine Firefighter Training Fund,
referred to in this section as the "fund," is established to
provide training funds annually to all qualified firefighters in
the State.

24 2. Purpose. The purpose of the fund is to provide \$100
annually for each qualified firefighter in the State toward the
cost of providing a minimum of 24 hours of training annually.

26 3. Administration. The Office of the State Fire Marshal
administers the fund. Within 30 days of the close of each
calendar year, the chief of each municipal fire department and
each volunteer fire association shall submit a roster of the
names of all qualified firefighters to the State Fire Marshal.
Based upon the roster numbers, the State Fire Marshal shall
directly disburse funds for each qualified firefighter to each
municipal fire department and each volunteer fire association.
Funds received under this chapter may be expended only for
training or training materials.

30 4. Authorization. In administering the fund, the State
Fire Marshal may accept public and private funds to support the
fund.

2 5. Fund information. The State Fire Marshal shall provide
fund information to volunteer fire associations and municipal
fire departments on a regular basis.

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6 6. Report. The chief of each volunteer fire association
and municipal fire department that receives training funds under
this chapter shall report to the Maine Fire Protection Services
8 Commission by March 1st of each year regarding the use of
training funds received the previous year.

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12 7. Rules. The Maine Fire Protection Services Commission,
in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, shall adopt rules to
carry out the purposes of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant
14 to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title
5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill establishes the Maine Firefighter Training Fund,
which annually provides \$100 per qualified firefighter for
22 training. The Maine Firefighter Training Fund is administered by
the Office of the State Fire Marshal under rules adopted by the
24 Maine Fire Protection Services Commission.