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No. 1746

H.P. 1283

House of Representatives, March 27, 2001

An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws to Provide for a Rebuttable Presumption of Eligibility for Benefits for Hepatitis or Hepatic Disease for Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

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

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**CONCEPT DRAFT
SUMMARY**

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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10 This bill proposes to provide for a rebuttable presumption
12 of eligibility for workers' compensation benefits for hepatitis
14 or hepatic-related disease for firefighters and emergency medical
16 services personnel who have been active members of a municipal
18 fire department or a volunteer firefighters' association for at
least 2 years prior to the onset of the disease. The presumption
would not apply to a firefighter who provided firefighting
services for more than one entity, e.g., a firefighter who worked
with more than one municipal fire department or who worked with a
municipal fire department and a volunteer firefighters'
association.