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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1449, L.D. 1946, Bill, "An Act to Safeguard Volunteer Firefighters' Regular Employment"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

'Sec. 1. Study. The Maine Fire Protection Services Commission established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3371 shall examine the issue of providing protection to a volunteer firefighter from being discharged or disciplined by an employer on the grounds that the volunteer firefighter arrives late or does not arrive at work because the volunteer firefighter is responding to an emergency. The Maine Fire Protection Services Commission shall report its findings and any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters no later than December 31, 2002. These joint standing committees may report out legislation on this issue to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.'

FISCAL NOTE

The Maine Fire Protection Services Commission will incur

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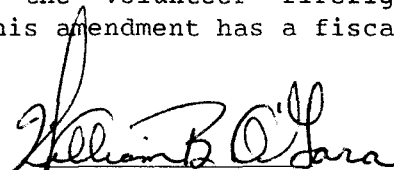
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some minor additional costs to study the issue of providing protection to a volunteer firefighter from being disciplined or discharged by an employer as a result of the volunteer firefighter missing work due to the volunteer responding to an emergency. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the committee amendment and requires the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to examine the issue of providing protection to a volunteer firefighter from being discharged or disciplined by an employer on the grounds that the volunteer firefighter arrives late or does not arrive at work because the volunteer firefighter is responding to an emergency. This amendment has a fiscal note.

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