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House of Representatives, March 12, 2007

**Resolve, To Require the Department of Public Safety To Determine
the Requirements for Regional Firefighters Concerning Assisting
Other Municipalities**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CURTIS of Madison, DUCHESNE of Hudson, GIFFORD of Lincoln, McFADDEN of Dennysville, THIBODEAU of Winterport.

1 **Sec. 1. Firefighter standards outside a municipality. Resolved:** That the
2 Department of Public Safety shall evaluate the requirements of firefighting training in
3 accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 3154 and create a report
4 that reviews the issue of firefighters who assist in fighting fires outside their own
5 jurisdiction and the liability faced by each municipality and firefighter. The report must
6 address the need of protecting a municipality in accepting outside assistance whenever
7 needed without undue liability to the municipality or a trained firefighter. The report
8 must also consider the feasibility of creating regional fire protection divisions among
9 rural municipalities of the State. The department shall submit the report of its findings
10 with suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and
11 Public Safety no later than February 1, 2008. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal
12 Justice and Public Safety is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular
13 Session of the 123rd Legislature.

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SUMMARY

15 This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety to study, and report to the
16 Legislature with suggested legislation concerning, the issue of firefighters who respond to
17 fires outside their municipality. The report will consider what risks and liabilities are
18 faced by the firefighters and the municipalities and include legislation to protect the
19 parties and encourage the sharing of resources in firefighting in rural areas of the State.