

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, May 20, 2013

### An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Speaker EVES of North Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 635, §2, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **1-A. Volunteer program.** A municipality may by ordinance adopt a program that  
5 permits claimants who are at least 60 years of age or who are volunteer firefighters as  
6 defined in Title 25, section 1611, subsection 4 or volunteer emergency medical services'  
7 persons as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12 to earn benefits up to a maximum  
8 of \$750 by volunteering to provide services to the municipality. A program adopted  
9 under this subsection does not need to meet the requirements of subsection 1, paragraph  
10 B or C. Benefits provided under this subsection must be related to the amount of  
11 volunteer service provided. Benefits received under this subsection may not be  
12 considered income for purposes of Part 8. A municipality may by ordinance establish  
13 procedures and additional standards of eligibility for a program adopted under this  
14 subsection.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill authorizes municipalities to provide benefits of up to \$750 for persons who  
17 serve as volunteer firefighters or volunteer emergency medical services' personnel.