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**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 122, L.D. 164, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3372 in subsection 10 by striking out all of the last paragraph (page 4, lines 21 to 25 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3372 by inserting after subsection 10 the following:

**'11. Dedicated state funding; repeal.** By October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016, the State Controller shall transfer to the program trust fund an amount, as certified by the State Tax Assessor, that is equivalent to 1/2 of the revenue received from the sales tax imposed on the sale of consumer fireworks pursuant to Title 36, section 1811 in the prior fiscal year starting on the effective date of this subsection. This subsection is repealed September 30, 2017.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3372 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 (page 8, lines 29 to 41 and page 9, lines 1 to 17 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Length of Service Award Program N163**

Initiative: Allocates funds for the Maine Length of Service Award Program.

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

All Other

**2015-16**

\$115,000

**2016-17**

\$115,000

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL**

\$115,000

\$115,000

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, eliminates the 10% sales tax on consumer fireworks proposed in the bill. The program established in the bill will receive dedicated funding from the State equivalent to 50% of the revenue received from the general sales tax currently imposed on the sale of consumer fireworks as set out in the bill, but the amendment limits this funding to 2 years.

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

**127th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 164****LR 357(02)****An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment A(H-151)**  
**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>Projections FY 2017-18</b>	<b>Projections FY 2018-19</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$109,250	\$109,250	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$109,250)	(\$109,250)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$109,250	\$109,250	\$0	\$0

**State Mandates**

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Requires the municipal fire department to submit a list of all persons who were eligible volunteers during a calendar year to the board for review and approval.	Municipality	Insignificant statewide
Requires the fire chief to resolve any disputes related to the service credit shown.		

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Dedicating 50% of the sales tax revenue collected from consumer fireworks sales to the Maine Length of Service Award Program requires transfers from the General Fund of \$109,250 in both fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 and transfers from Municipal Revenue Sharing of \$5,750 in both fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17. The transfers will provide \$115,000 in both fiscal years to the Maine Length of Service Award Program. The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$115,000 in both years.