

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 24, 2015

### An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Speaker EVES of North Berwick.

Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China, Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LONG of Sherman, MAKER of Calais, SHAW of Standish, STANLEY of Medway, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator: BAKER of Sagadahoc.

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

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

**1-A. Volunteer program.** A municipality may by ordinance adopt a program that permits claimants who are at least 60 years of age or who are volunteer firefighters as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 4 or emergency medical services persons as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12 who receive no compensation from the municipality other than injury or death benefits to earn benefits up to a maximum of \$750 by volunteering to provide services to the municipality. A program adopted under this subsection does not need to meet the requirements of subsection 1, paragraph B or C. Benefits provided under this subsection must be related to the amount of volunteer service provided. Benefits received under this subsection may not be considered income for purposes of Part 8. A municipality may by ordinance establish procedures and additional standards of eligibility for a program adopted under this subsection.

## SUMMARY

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