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H.P. 108

House of Representatives, January 19, 2017

### An Act Regarding the Funding of Volunteer Fire Departments

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative THERIAULT of China.  
Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and  
Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARRIN of  
Norridgewock, GERRISH of Lebanon, HILLIARD of Belgrade, STEWART of Presque Isle,  
WARD of Dedham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5722, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and  
3 Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is  
4 further amended to read:

5 **4. Volunteer fire department.** Support an incorporated volunteer fire department;  
6 ~~A. If the amount appropriated for an incorporated volunteer fire department is \$1,000~~  
7 ~~or less, the municipal officers may issue their warrant to the municipal treasurer,~~  
8 ~~without itemizing the purposes for which the appropriation will be spent, requiring~~  
9 ~~the municipal treasurer to pay the amount of the appropriation to the treasurer of the~~  
10 ~~volunteer fire department;~~

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill repeals statutory language that specifies that a municipality may appropriate  
13 amounts of \$1,000 or less to its incorporated volunteer fire department without itemizing  
14 the purposes for which the appropriation will be spent.