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(Filing No. H-686)

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STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 148, L.D. 213, "An Act To Require Coverage for Female Firefighters Facing Reproductive System Cancer"

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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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SUMMARY

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

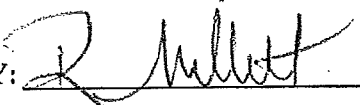
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This amendment adds a mandate preamble to the bill.

(See attached)

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SPONSORED BY:



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(Representative MILLETT, R.)

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TOWN: Cape Elizabeth



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 213

LR 148(05)

An Act To Require Coverage for Female Firefighters Facing Reproductive System Cancer

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "B" to Original Bill (H-686)
Sponsor: Rep. Millett of Cape Elizabeth
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

State Mandates

Required Activity

Unit Affected

Local Cost

Municipality

Significant
statewide

Shifting the burden of proof that a municipal firefighter or volunteer firefighter contracted gynecologic cancer as a result of employment as a firefighter from the claimant to the employer and/or the employer's insurer may necessitate a more vigorous and costly legal defense by municipalities and increase the number of cases lost.

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment adds the Mandate Preamble to the bill. As amended, this legislation will increase costs to local governments in the form of both higher premiums for workers' compensation insurance and increased legal costs. The impact to individual municipalities can not be determined and will depend on actual experience.