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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
95th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 394, L. D. 230, Bill "An Act to Provide Fire Protection for Connor Township."

Amend the title of said Bill by striking out the words "Connor Township" and inserting in place thereof the words 'Townships of Connor, Medford and Orneville'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, the towns of Connor, Medford and Orneville surrendered their organizations and at the present time there is no provision for fighting local fires other than forest fires; and

Whereas, it is necessary that some arrangement be made in order to protect the inhabitants insofar as possible from loss by fire; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Assessment for fire protection tax. The county commissioners of Aroostook county are hereby authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of Connor township, and the county commissioners of Piscataquis county are hereby authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of Medford and Orneville townships, to enter into contracts on such terms as they deem fit with one or more persons, associations or municipalities, or to take such other steps as they deem advisable, to provide fire protection, other than forest fire protection, for the townships of Connor, Medford and Orneville. The county commissioners shall annually assess upon the townships an amount sufficient to provide for such protection, and said assessment shall be certified and transmitted by the county treasurers to the state tax assessor not later than April 1 each year. The state tax assessor shall determine the amount of tax due, in accordance with the provisions of section 74-A of chapter 14 of the revised statutes, and shall include such amounts in the statements referred to in section 77 of chapter 14. The state tax assessor shall collect such taxes and cause them to be remitted to the county treasurers in the same manner as provided for the county tax, provided, however, that the treasurer of state shall, when remitting to the counties, remit the fire protection tax and county

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tax in separate amounts and designate the amount of the fire protection tax collected from the townships of Connor, Medford and Orneville. Collection of such fire protection tax shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes and interest collected shall be credited to the general fund of the state.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Filed by Mr. Burgess of Limestone.

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