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Legislative Document

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S. P. 370

In Senate, February 24, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Mrs. Kavanagh of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Establishment of a Fund for Fire Fighters.

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

R. S., c. 85, §§ 31-A - 31-E, additional. Chapter 85 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 5 new sections to be numbered 31-A to 31-E, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 31-A. Fund. A fund is hereby established to provide for payments to injured fire fighters and dependents of deceased fire fighters, in accordance with the provisions hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 31-B. Payments to fund. Every company writing or underwriting fire insurance on property located in the state shall pay into the fund $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1% of each dollar of premium on fire insurance written, undertaken, or in effect on and after July 1, 1953.

Sec. 31-C. Board. A board consisting of 3 members shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, to administer the fund.

One member of the board shall be appointed from the state insurance department, 1 member of the board shall be appointed from the Maine state

federation of fire fighters, and the 3rd member from the association of fire chiefs. One of these members shall be designated as chairman.

One member first appointed to this board shall serve for a term of 1 year, another member for a term of 2 years, and another member for a term of 3 years. As each member's term expires he shall be reappointed, or a new member from the same group that such member represents, shall be appointed for a full term of 3 years. The members of this board shall serve without salary. All payments made from the fund in accordance with the provisions of sections 31-A to 31-E, inclusive, shall be made only after approval by this board.

Sec. 31-D. Payments to injured fire fighters. At the discretion of the board, payments shall be made from the fund to fire fighters injured in the line of duty to adjust with any and all other compensation such injured fire fighter will receive so as to total no more than a full week's pay to such fire fighter weekly during such disability.

Sec. 31-E. Payments to dependents. Payments shall be made to the dependents of deceased fire fighters, whose death is attributable to or traceable to the line of duty, so as to provide for the adequate support, maintenance and education of such dependent or dependents. Such payments shall be in addition to any and all other payments to the said deceased fire fighter or his family and the duration of such payments shall be at the discretion of the board.'