

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

H.P. 1282 - L.D. 1845

**An Act To Provide Incentives To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and  
To Retain Trained Firefighters by Expanding the Provision of Live Fire  
Service Training**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3371, sub-§8, ¶¶F and G,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. AAAA, §1, are amended to read:

F. Assist all governmental agencies with firefighter training and education responsibilities to enhance their delivery of services to fire prevention, protection and life safety professionals, including paid, call and volunteer fire service members; ~~and~~

G. Submit proposed legislation to the Legislature to implement any recommendations of the commission; and

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3371, sub-§8, ¶H** is enacted to read:

H. Make awards from the Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund pursuant to Title 20-A, section 9004 and direct the Maine Fire Service Institute within the Maine Community College System to make payments to municipalities from the fund.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §9004** is enacted to read:

**§9004. Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established under the Maine Fire Service Institute within the Maine Community College System as a nonlapsing fund to provide funds to municipalities for the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training facilities in the State.

**2. Grant program.** The Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, referred to in this section as "the commission" and established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 12, shall establish criteria to award grants to municipalities from the fund, including a requirement that proposals be fully designed and approved by a licensed

professional engineer as defined in Title 32, section 1251, subsection 4. The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**3. Procedure.** Municipalities may apply to the commission for grants. The commission shall evaluate each application pursuant to the criteria developed in subsection 2 and, to the extent funds are available, shall award grants from the fund to support the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training facilities.

**4. Payment of grants.** Upon the award of a grant by the commission, the commission shall direct the Maine Fire Service Institute to make the payment of the grant award to the municipality from the fund.

**Sec. 4. Sunset of funding for programs.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, funding provided to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System related to expenditures for the construction and repair or replacement of live fire service training facilities may not be provided beyond fiscal year 2020-21 without explicit legislative approval.

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

**Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund N278**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Maine Fire Service Institute to provide funds for the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training facilities in the State awarded by the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission through fiscal year 2020-21 only.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>