**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program**

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

**Sec.** **1. 5 MRSA §3372, sub-§3, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 352, §1, is amended to read:

A. The board, as established in section 12004‑G, subsection 30‑E, is composed of ~~7~~ 9 trustees, as follows:

(1) Four persons who are eligible volunteers, appointed by the Governor. Three of the persons appointed under this subparagraph must be selected from a list of 6 nominees submitted by a statewide federation of firefighters;

(2) A chief of a municipal fire department, appointed by the Governor and selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted by a statewide association of fire chiefs;

(3) A person who is qualified through training or experience in the field of investments, accounting, banking or insurance or who is an actuary, appointed by the Governor; ~~and~~

(4) A person designated by a statewide municipal association~~.~~; and

(5) Two persons who are licensed emergency medical services persons under Title 32, section 82, appointed by the Governor and selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted by the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services.

**Sec.** **2. 5 MRSA §3372, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 352, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**8.** **Service credit.**  The following provisions govern service credit.

A. Service credit may be allowed in the program only for volunteer emergency service rendered as an eligible volunteer. The requirements to be met by an eligible volunteer to earn one year of service credit must be consistent with the provisions in paragraph B and set forth in rules adopted by the board pursuant to subsection 21, which may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the board.

B. The annual service credit calculation must be based on the following.

(1) For a firefighter as described in subsection 1, paragraph D, subparagraph (1):

(a) A total of 55 points may be earned based on attendance at calls for service;

(b) A total of 35 points may be earned based on attendance at training classes; and

(c) A total of 10 points may be earned based on attendance at municipal fire department meetings.

(2) For an emergency medical services person as described in subsection 1, paragraph D, subparagraph (2):

(a) A total of 65 points may be earned based on attendance at calls for service or shifts that were worked by the emergency medical services person;

(b) A total of 25 points may be earned based on achieving continuing education units to maintain an active license for an emergency medical services person under Title 32, section 82; and

(c) A total of 10 points may be earned based on attendance at emergency medical services department meetings.

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides 2 additional members who are licensed emergency medical services persons to the Maine Length of Service Award Program Board of Trustees. The bill also provides statutory guidelines for calculating service credit within the program for firefighters and emergency medical services persons.