

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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S.P. 131 - L.D. 305

An Act To Include Certain Employees in the Bureau of Forestry's Forest Protection Unit in the Laws Concerning Cancer Suffered by Firefighters

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §1, is further amended to read:

B. "Employed" means to be employed as an active duty firefighter or by the Office of the State Fire Marshal or by the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry or to be an active member of a volunteer fire association with no compensation other than injury and death benefits.

Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §1, is further amended to read:

C. "Firefighter" means a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire association whose duties include the extinguishment of fires or an investigator or sergeant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal or an employee in the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry whose duties include the extinguishment or investigation of fires.

Sec. 3. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §2, is further amended to read:

6. Length of service. In order to qualify for the presumption under subsection 2, the firefighter must have been employed as a firefighter for 5 years and, except for an investigator or sergeant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal or an employee in the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry, regularly responded to firefighting or emergency calls.