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Amend the bill by inserting after section 15 the following:

‘Sec. 16. 37-B MRSA §823, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 510, Pt. A, §38, is amended to read:

All members of the emergency management forces are deemed to be employees of the State while on, preparing for or training for; emergency management duty. They have all the rights given to state employees under the former Maine Workers' Compensation Act or the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992. All claims must be filed, prosecuted and determined in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.’

Amend the bill in section 17 in §851 in the first paragraph in the first line (page 8, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Examiner," the following: 'the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within that department and other agencies as appropriate.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds to the list of agencies that must be consulted by the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency regarding a mass fatality plan the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within that department and allows for other agencies to be consulted. It also clarifies that members of the emergency management forces are deemed to be employees of the State when preparing for emergency management duty, in addition to being on or training for duty.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)