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An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Speaker EVES of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China, Senator DUTREMBLE of York and
Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LONG of Sherman, MAKER
of Calais, SHAW of Standish, STANLEY of Medway, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator:
BAKER of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 635, §2, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1-A. Volunteer program.** A municipality may by ordinance adopt a program that
5 permits claimants who are at least 60 years of age or who are volunteer firefighters as
6 defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 4 or emergency medical services persons
7 as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12 who receive no compensation from the
8 municipality other than injury or death benefits to earn benefits up to a maximum of \$750
9 by volunteering to provide services to the municipality. A program adopted under this
10 subsection does not need to meet the requirements of subsection 1, paragraph B or C.
11 Benefits provided under this subsection must be related to the amount of volunteer
12 service provided. Benefits received under this subsection may not be considered income
13 for purposes of Part 8. A municipality may by ordinance establish procedures and
14 additional standards of eligibility for a program adopted under this subsection.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill authorizes municipalities to provide benefits of up to \$750 for persons who
17 serve as volunteer firefighters or volunteer emergency medical services personnel.