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An Act to Add Certain Volunteer Firefighters to the Definition of "Volunteer Firefighter"

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: HARRINGTON of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3151, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and
3 Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further
4 amended to read:

5 **4. Volunteer firefighter.** "Volunteer firefighter" means an active member of a
6 volunteer fire association or a volunteer fire department created by a municipality who
7 receives ~~no~~ compensation from the municipality ~~other than~~ up to 20% of the compensation
8 of a municipal firefighter and may receive injury and death benefits.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 The current definition of "volunteer firefighter" provides that the firefighter receives
11 no compensation and must belong to a volunteer fire association. This bill changes that
12 definition to provide that the firefighter receives up to 20% of the compensation of a
13 municipal firefighter and may belong to a volunteer fire department created by a
14 municipality.