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An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. Macfarland MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Speaker EVES of North Berwick. Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York.

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

- **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 635, §2, is amended to read:
- 1-A. Volunteer program. A municipality may by ordinance adopt a program that permits claimants who are at least 60 years of age or who are volunteer firefighters as defined in Title 25, section 1611, subsection 4 or volunteer emergency medical services' persons as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12 to earn benefits up to a maximum of \$750 by volunteering to provide services to the municipality. A program adopted under this subsection does not need to meet the requirements of subsection 1, paragraph B or C. Benefits provided under this subsection must be related to the amount of volunteer service provided. Benefits received under this subsection may not be considered income for purposes of Part 8. A municipality may by ordinance establish procedures and additional standards of eligibility for a program adopted under this subsection.

15 SUMMARY

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