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An Act To Improve Insurance Coverage for Volunteer First Responders

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative LONG of Sherman and
Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, TUTTLE of York, Representatives: LAJOIE of Lewiston, PEASE of Morrill, TREAT of Hallowell.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §201, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

3   **7.   Injury to volunteer firefighter or volunteer emergency medical services**
4   **person.**   A personal injury to a volunteer firefighter or volunteer emergency medical
5   services person considered an employee within the meaning of this Act pursuant to
6   section 102, subsection 11, paragraph A, subparagraph (2) is considered to arise out of
7   and in the course of employment and is compensable under this Act if the personal injury
8   occurs at any time after the volunteer firefighter or volunteer emergency medical services
9   person receives notice of a fire or emergency and is in the process of responding. An
10   employer providing self-insurance or an insurer providing workers' compensation
11   insurance may not seek to limit benefits under this Act to a personal injury to a volunteer
12   firefighter or volunteer emergency medical services person that occurs only after the
13   firefighter or emergency medical services person begins traveling on a public way.

14   **SUMMARY**

15   This bill clarifies that an injury suffered by a volunteer firefighter or volunteer
16   emergency medical services person that occurs at any time after the firefighter or
17   emergency medical services person receives notice of a fire or emergency and is in the
18   process of responding is compensable under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of
19   1992.