



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Improve Insurance Coverage for Volunteer First Responders

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Johnson of Lincoln

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires employers to expand their workers' compensation coverage for injuries sustained by a volunteer firefighter or volunteer emergency medical services person. The expanded coverage begins at any time after the firefighter or emergency services medical person is notified of an emergency and is in the process of responding.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Moderate statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.