



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 213

LR 148(05)

An Act To Require Coverage for Female Firefighters Facing Reproductive System Cancer

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Millett of Cape Elizabeth

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

State Mandates

Required Activity

Shifting the burden of proof that a municipal firefighter or volunteer firefighter contracted gynecologic cancer as a result of employment as a firefighter from the claimant to the employer and/or the employer's insurer may necessitate a more vigorous and costly legal defense by municipalities and increase the number of cases lost.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Significant statewide

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment adds the Mandate Preamble to the bill. As amended, this legislation will increase costs to local governments in the form of both higher premiums for workers' compensation insurance and increased legal costs. The impact to individual municipalities can not be determined and will depend on actual experience.