



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 213

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

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Millett of Cape Elizabeth

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Local government costs - potential state mandate

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

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

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.