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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1056, L.D. 1440, “An Act To Provide Safe Gear for Female Firefighters”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2918 is enacted to read:

§2918. Fund for properly fitting gear for female firefighters

The Department of Public Safety shall administer a fund to provide grants to municipal fire departments as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 1, volunteer fire associations as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 3 and fire districts under Title 30-A, chapter 164 to provide safe and properly fitting or tailored personal protective equipment and firefighter turnout gear, including boots, for female firefighters. The fund is funded by appropriations, allocations, grants or donations by public or private sources. The department may engage in the solicitation of a grant or donation to be deposited into the fund. The department shall deposit with the Treasurer of State money in the fund not currently needed by the department to carry out the purposes of the fund to the credit of the fund, which may be invested as provided by law. Interest received on investment of funds under this section must be credited to the fund. Balances in the fund do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year. The department may use funds in the fund to pay for the reasonable expenses in administering the fund.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
Administration - Public Safety 0088**

Initiative: Appropriates one-time funds to be used by the Department of Public Safety to provide grants to municipal fire departments, volunteer fire associations and fire districts to purchase safe and properly fitting or tailored gear for female firefighters.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	All Other	\$500,000	\$0
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3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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5 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
6 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

8 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment changes the
9 entity that administers the female firefighter gear fund from the State Fire Marshal to the
10 Department of Public Safety and allocates the provision under the statutes for the
11 department. The amendment requires that the gear that is provided to female firefighters
12 must be properly fitting or tailored. The amendment also updates the appropriations and
13 allocations section to reflect those changes.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)