

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING COMPENSATION FOR RURAL FIREFIGHTERS; PROVIDING PAYMENT OF A PARTIAL SALARY TO RURAL FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE INJURED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES; AND LIMITING THE PAYMENT OF THE PARTIAL SALARY TO FULL-PAID EMPLOYEES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Payment of partial salary to rural firefighter injured in performance of duty.** (1) A full-paid firefighter who is an employee of a rural fire district and who is injured in the performance of the firefighter's duty must be paid by the fire district the difference between the firefighter's net salary, following adjustments for income taxes and pension contributions, and the amount received from workers' compensation until the disability has ceased, as determined by workers' compensation, or for a period not to exceed 1 year, whichever occurs first.

(2) To qualify for the partial salary payment provided for in subsection (1), the firefighter must require medical or other remedial treatment and must be incapable of performing the firefighter's duties as a result of the injury.

(3) This section does not apply to a volunteer firefighter or a part-paid firefighter.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 33, part 21, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 33, part 21, apply to [section 1].

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