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This bill would give the city of Mahtomedi authority to provide housing assistance in the city for one or more volunteer firefighters with paramedic credentials. Special legislation appears to be necessary to allow Mahtomedi to do this, based upon a 1952 opinion by the state Attorney General which held that the city of Newport did not have the specific authority to provide living quarters for its police chief unless the legislature had granted such specific authority, even though providing such housing "would be desirable as well as beneficial."