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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen M. Brewer

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act to authorize group insurance for volunteer firefighters..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*

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By Mr. Brewer, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1263) of Story, Gobi, Puppolo and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize group insurance for volunteer firefighters [Joint Committee on Public Service].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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, NO. *1014* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to authorize group insurance for volunteer firefighters..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out Section 2B and inserted in place thereof the following new Section 2B:Section 2B: In any city, town, fire district or water district which accepts the provisions of this section, reserve firefighters, permanent-intermittent firefighters, call firefighters and volunteer firefighters shall be considered employees under this Chapter, notwithstanding the definition of “Employee” in Section 2, and upon retirement shall be considered retirees under this Chapter.

This section may be accepted in any city by a vote of its city council, with approval of the mayor in a municipality with a town council, by a vote of its town council, in a town by a majority vote at any annual or special town meeting and in a fire or water district by a majority vote at any annual or special district meeting.