

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1014**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. 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 bill:

An Act to authorize group insurance for volunteer firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mr. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01454 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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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:*

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

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