

HOUSE No. 3298

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Geraldo Alicea

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to fire escapes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Geraldo Alicea

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Worcester

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By Mr. Alicea of Charlton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3298) of Geraldo Alicea relative to fire escapes. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to fire escapes.

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

1 Chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 22 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 22A. Upon the transfer, lease or sale of a building or structure, all exterior
4 bridges, steel or wooden stairways, fire escapes and egress balconies, which are used by any
5 means of egress or escape from fire, shall be examined and tested, and certified for structural
6 adequacy and safety every 5 years, by a Massachusetts registered professional engineer, or others
7 qualified and acceptable to the building official. Said engineer or others shall then submit an
8 affidavit to the local building inspector.