

HOUSE No. 3422

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel K. Webster, (BY REQUEST)

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 commercial licenses for firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Donald H. Howard

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

860 Winter Street Hanson, MA 02341

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By Mr. Webster of Pembroke (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3422) of Donald H. Howard relative to commercial motor vehicle licenses for fire fighters. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to commercial licenses for 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 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the fourteenth paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Every person licensed to operate an emergency and firefighting equipment vehicle shall
4 have a commercial driver’s license necessary to the preservation of life or property, or the
5 execution of emergency governmental functions, unless federal guidelines expressly provide
6 otherwise. Such person shall include: (a) a civilian mechanic operating emergency or fire
7 fighting apparatus in the employ of a volunteer or paid fire organization; provided, that the
8 civilian mechanic is subject to the direction and control of a fire department official regarding
9 the means used to accomplish particular objectives; (b) a member of a volunteer or paid fire
10 organizations, when responding to an emergency or otherwise performing official duties; (c) an
11 agent of a state or local government operating such equipment in a search and rescue function or
12 a part of disaster relief activities, provided the equipment is government owned or controlled;
13 and (d) the operator of an antique fire engine.