

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2192**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act pertaining to a firefighter apprenticeship program.

*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 31, Section 59, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting in place the following section after Section 59:-

3           Section 59A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or rule to the contrary, a  
4 firefighters apprenticeship, training, and educational program shall be established for candidates  
5 for the position of firefighter in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Furthermore, no person  
6 shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of firefighter  
7 in a city or town in the Commonwealth until such candidate has successfully passed the  
8 “Firefighters Apprenticeship Program. The Firefighters Apprenticeship Program shall be funded  
9 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the cities, towns, authorities and fire districts  
10 therein, the Federal Government, and the candidates in the apprenticeship program.”