

HOUSE No. 2211

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to a fire equipment grant 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. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to
2 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements
3 of law, the sums set forth herein are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless
4 specifically designated otherwise herein, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions
5 specified herein, and subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds
6 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, provided that said sums shall be in addition to any
7 amounts previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of said items.

8 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITYFire
9 Equipment Grant Program

10 8000-0050 For a firefighting equipment grant program for fire departments of every city,
11 town, fire district and authority of the commonwealth to be administered by the executive office
12 of public safety and homeland security, provided that grants shall be distributed to municipalities
13 according to a formula giving equal weight to each municipality's population; provided further
14 that a municipality shall not receive less than \$15,000; provided further, that eligible fire safety

15 equipment under this program shall include, but shall not be limited to, turnout gear, hand-held
16 power lights, communication devices, telephones, personal alert safety systems, air packs, tanks,
17 compressors, thermal imaging devices and computerized personnel accountability systems, but
18 shall exclude firefighter apparatus and vehicles; provided further that grants awarded by said
19 executive office to a municipality under the program shall not be utilized for the purpose of
20 personnel costs unless such costs constitute 50 per cent or less of the total grant award; provided
21 further that no grant shall be awarded to the department of fire services; provided further that not
22 later than February 1, 2010, the executive office of public safety shall submit a report to the
23 house and senate committees on ways and means and to the secretary for administration and
24 finance detailing the amount of grants awarded to such grant recipients and descriptions of the
25 grants and each municipality shall provide the executive office of public safety with a
26 comprehensive list of the best-practices that have been instituted as a result of these
27 grants.....\$10,000,000