

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2382**

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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 Firefighters Injuries..

*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 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition is amended in  
2 section 100 by adding at the end the following:

3 “Notwithstanding the above provisions of this section, payments for medical expenses  
4 incurred due to injuries suffered in the line of duty shall be made at the normal and reasonable  
5 rate paid by health insurance carriers and not reduced to the rates paid pursuant to Chapter 152 of  
6 the General Laws.

7 Notwithstanding any law or special resolve to the contrary, that all public and private  
8 rehabilitation facilities that treat and manage injured firefighters be regulated by the  
9 Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the  
10 Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that the above named have oversight to regulate the same;  
11 that all such injured firefighters receive medical treatment and rehabilitation therapy within 48  
12 hours of notification to regulated facilities of such injuries; and that regulating authorities  
13 mandate a timely appeals process.”