

HOUSE No. 3191

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act providing for a distinctive registration plate 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 1. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The registrar shall furnish to owners of private passenger motor vehicles who are active
4 members, members retired in good standing, or the immediate family member of a firefighter
5 killed in the line of duty, distinctive registration plates which shall display on their face a design
6 indicating their status as firefighters. No such plate shall be issued or renewed until proper
7 certification has been made to the registrar by the chief of the fire department in which the
8 applicant serves. There shall be a \$10 fee for said plate in addition to the established registration
9 fee for passenger motor vehicles which shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Firefighters
10 Academy Trust Fund pursuant to section 165A of chapter 6.

11 SECTION 2. In a state of emergency, any active member of a fire department driving a
12 vehicle bearing the distinctive registration plate shall be authorized and empowered to travel
13 upon the highways of the Commonwealth, notwithstanding any driving ban imposed by the
14 Commonwealth or any municipality, in accordance with their official duties.