

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1204**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to bargaining units.

*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 3 of Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding a third sentence as follows: The commission shall not find inappropriate and  
3 shall not modify or amend any bargaining unit in any fire department in whole or in part  
4 engaging in, or having the responsibility of fire fighting, which unit consists in whole or in part  
5 of uniform members of the department subordinate to a fire commission, fire commissioner,  
6 public safety director, board of engineers or chief of department.

7           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the labor relations  
8 commission shall not entertain any petition seeking to modify the scope of any fire department  
9 bargaining unit.