

**SENATE . . . . . No. 951**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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Resolve providing for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths..

1           **Resolved**, That notwithstanding any General or Special Law to the contrary there is  
2 hereby established a Special Commission to investigate and make recommendations to the  
3 General Court concerning the use of manufactured wood products and light weight wood frame  
4 truss assemblies so called. Such investigation shall study the inordinate number of firefighter  
5 deaths and injuries in this construction type, the impact these type building products will have on  
6 fire insurance rates in the Commonwealth, whether full disclosure to home buyers detailing the  
7 fire resistive qualities of these products compared to dimension lumber construction should be  
8 mandated and what steps should be taken to mitigate any problems associated with these  
9 products.

10           Said Committee shall comprise three members of the Senate, three members of the House  
11 of Representatives, a representative of the Executive Office of Public Safety, a representative of  
12 the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association, and a representative of the Professional Firefighters  
13 of Massachusetts.

14           Said Committee shall report its findings to the General Court no later than January 1,  
15 2010.