

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3298

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Geraldo Alicea***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to fire escapes.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Geraldo Alicea</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>

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By Mr. Alicea of Charlton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3298) of Geraldo Alicea relative to fire escapes. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to fire escapes.

*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 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 22 the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 22A. Upon the transfer, lease or sale of a building or structure, all exterior  
4 bridges, steel or wooden stairways, fire escapes and egress balconies, which are used by any  
5 means of egress or escape from fire, shall be examined and tested, and certified for structural  
6 adequacy and safety every 5 years, by a Massachusetts registered professional engineer, or others  
7 qualified and acceptable to the building official. Said engineer or others shall then submit an  
8 affidavit to the local building inspector.