

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3422**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel K. Webster, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 commercial licenses for firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald H. Howard</i>	<i>860 Winter Street Hanson, MA 02341</i>	

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By Mr. Webster of Pembroke (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3422) of Donald H. Howard relative to commercial motor vehicle licenses for fire fighters. Transportation.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act relative to commercial licenses 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 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the fourteenth paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Every person licensed to operate an emergency and firefighting equipment vehicle shall  
4 have a commercial driver’s license necessary to the preservation of life or property, or the  
5 execution of emergency governmental functions, unless federal guidelines expressly provide  
6 otherwise. Such person shall include: (a) a civilian mechanic operating emergency or fire  
7 fighting apparatus in the employ of a volunteer or paid fire organization; provided, that the  
8 civilian mechanic is subject to the direction and control of a fire department official regarding  
9 the means used to accomplish particular objectives; (b) a member of a volunteer or paid fire  
10 organizations, when responding to an emergency or otherwise performing official duties; (c) an  
11 agent of a state or local government operating such equipment in a search and rescue function or  
12 a part of disaster relief activities, provided the equipment is government owned or controlled;  
13 and (d) the operator of an antique fire engine.