

HOUSE No. 635

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

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 pertaining to a firefighter apprenticeship program..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Demetrius J. Atsalis</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/14/2011</i>

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By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 635) of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to establishing a fire fighters apprenticeship program. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2192 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act pertaining to a firefighter apprenticeship program..

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. Chapter 31, Section 59, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting in place the following section after Section 59:-

3 Section 59A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or rule to the contrary, a
4 firefighters apprenticeship, training, and educational program shall be established for candidates
5 for the position of firefighter in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Furthermore, no person
6 shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of firefighter
7 in a city or town in the Commonwealth until such candidate has successfully passed the
8 “Firefighters Apprenticeship Program. The Firefighters Apprenticeship Program shall be funded
9 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the cities, towns, authorities and fire districts
10 therein, the Federal Government, and the candidates in the apprenticeship program.”