

SENATE No. 1865

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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 resolve:

Resolve providing for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Kennedy, petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1865) of Kennedy to provide for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 951 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

Resolve providing for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths.

1 ~~Resolved~~, 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 2012.