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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stanley C. Rosenberg

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 providing for local state of emergency declarations in the town of Greenfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stanley C. Rosenberg	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*

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By Mr. Rosenberg, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2432) of Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation to provide for local state of emergency declarations in the town of Greenfield. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act providing for local state of emergency declarations in the town of Greenfield.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3-2 of the charter of the town of Greenfield, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:-

(g) In the event that the Mayor shall find that a state of emergency exists within the Town due to circumstances arising out of a natural or manmade disaster, requiring immediate action to protect the health, safety or general welfare of the citizens, he/she may declare, by resolution, the exact nature of the state of emergency and simultaneously publish such resolution by the most effective means available and take such actions as he/she thinks shall be in the best interest of the Town, including but not limited to, complete authority over all local government, and municipal buildings. The declaration shall be effective for a period of time not to exceed 5 calendar days, except that such effective time may be extended upon the approval of the Town Council that a state of emergency continues to exist.