

**SENATE . . . . . No. 658**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Stephen M. Brewer*

*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 punishing the failure to report certain fires..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Stephen M. Brewer*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 658) of Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to punish the failure to report certain fires. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1576 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act punishing the failure to report certain fires..

*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 268 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section: -

3 Section 41. Whoever (1) starts, causes or maintains a fire or explosion, which fire or  
4 explosion endangers the life, physical safety or property of another, and (2) willfully fails to take  
5 reasonable measures (i) to extinguish or control the fire or explosion when he can do so without  
6 substantial risk to himself, or (ii) to notify those that he knows or has reason to know are  
7 endangered by the fire or explosion when he can do so without substantial risk to himself, or (iii)  
8 to notify promptly the police or fire department, shall be punished by not more than 2 years in  
9 the house of correction or a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or by both such fine  
10 and imprisonment.