

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2111**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Nick Collins and Kenneth J. Donnelly***

*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 creating a special commission studying cutting, welding and hot work processes regulated by the State Fire Code.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>

<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Representative Collins of Boston and Senator Donnelly, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2111) of Nick Collins, Kenneth J. Donnelly and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to cutting, welding and hot work processes regulated by the State Fire Code. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2323 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act creating a special commission studying cutting, welding and hot work processes regulated by the State Fire Code.

*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. There shall be a special commission established on welding and hot works  
2 regulation. The commission shall investigate and study the current requirements for licenses and  
3 permits governing cutting, welding, and other hot work processes involving burning or a similar  
4 operation that is capable of initiating fires or explosions to determine if the state fire code  
5 adequately protects the safety of the public and first responders. The study shall consider the  
6 current conditions required for the issuance of licenses or permits, the use of supervised details  
7 and firewatchers, the adequacy of fees to cover inspection and oversight and other municipal  
8 costs, the deterrent effect of penalties for violations of rules and regulations and cost recovery  
9 assessment for damages resulting from the failure to comply with rules and regulations, the

10 training and certification required to perform the work and any other matters the commission  
11 finds that would enhance the safety of the work. The commission shall report its findings,  
12 including any proposed legislation, to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the  
13 joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the executive office of public safety  
14 and security no later than June 1, 2016.

15 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of: one member of the fire chief's association  
16 of Massachusetts, one member appointed by the Governor who shall have experience and  
17 expertise in cutting, welding and hot works trades, one member appointed by the president of the  
18 senate, one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, the house and  
19 senate chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security or their designees,  
20 one member of the minority party from both the house and senate appointed by the minority  
21 leader of those branches respectively, the state fire marshal or his designee, the commissioner of  
22 the Boston Fire Department or his designee, the chairman of the board of fire prevention  
23 regulations or his designee, the associate commissioner of the vocational workforce and college  
24 readiness programs, or his designee, 2 representative of a labor organization representing  
25 pipefitters and carpenters chosen by the president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, the President  
26 of the Ironworkers District Council of New England or his designee and a representative from  
27 the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts chosen by its president.