SENATE No. 1364

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael D. Brady

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:	
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk	1/17/2019
Josh S. Cutler	6th Plymouth	1/25/2019
Patrick M. O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk	1/30/2019
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	1/31/2019
Diana DiZoglio	First Essex	1/31/2019
Kathleen R. LaNatra	12th Plymouth	2/1/2019
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	2/1/2019
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	2/1/2019
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	2/5/2019

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By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1364) of Michael D. Brady, Louis L. Kafka, Josh S. Cutler, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1281 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court (2019-2020)

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

1 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 fire resistive qualities of these products compared to dimension lumber construction should be 7 8 mandated and what steps should be taken to mitigate any problems associated with these 9 products.

Said committee shall comprise three members of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, a representative of the Executive Office of Public Safety, a representative of

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- 12 the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association, and a representative of the Professional Firefighters
- of Massachusetts.
- Said committee shall report its findings to the General Court no later than January 1,
- 15 2021.