SENATE . . . . No. 1466

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dean A. Tran

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 the fire station building assistance program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Dean A. Tran	Worcester and Middlesex	
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	1/30/2019
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	Second Hampden and Hampshire	2/2/2019

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By Mr. Tran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1466) of Dean A. Tran, Michael O. Moore and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation to create the fire station building assistance program. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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An Act creating the fire station building assistance program.

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

1   The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 22E the following

2   chapter:-

3   CHAPTER 22F.

4   FIRE STATION BUILDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

5   Section 1. (a) There is hereby created a body politic and corporate and a public

6   instrumentality to be known as the Massachusetts Fire Station Building Authority, which shall be

7   an independent public authority not subject to the supervision and control of any other executive

8   office, department, commission, board, bureau, agency or political subdivision of the

9   commonwealth except as specifically provided in any general or special law. The exercise by the

10 authority of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be considered to be the performance of an

11 essential public function.

12   (b) The authority shall consist of the state treasurer, who shall serve as chairperson, the

13   secretary of administration and finance, the secretary of the executive office of public safety and

14   security, and 4 additional members appointed by the state treasurer, 2 of whom shall have

15   practical experience in fire station facilities planning, fire station construction, or architecture

16   and fire station design, 2 of whom shall be persons in the field of firefighting, each of whom

17   shall serve a term of 2 years; but, a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the

18   unexpired term. An appointed member of the authority shall be eligible for reappointment. The

19   authority shall annually elect 1 of its members to serve

20   as vice-chairperson. Each member of the authority serving ex officio may appoint a

21   designee pursuant to section 6A of chapter 30.

22   (c) Four members of the authority shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of 4

23   members of the authority shall be necessary and sufficient for any action taken by the authority.

24   No vacancy in the membership of the authority shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all

25   the rights and duties of the authority. Members shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed

26   for actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The chairperson of

27   the authority shall report to the governor and to the general court no less than annually, to assist

28   the executive and legislative branches in coordinating public safety and fiscal policies of the

29   commonwealth.

30   (d) Any action of the authority may take effect immediately and need not be published or

31   posted unless

32   otherwise provided by law. The authority shall be subject to all provisions of chapter

33   30A, and records pertaining to the administration of the authority shall be subject to section 42 of

34   chapter 30 and section 10 of chapter 66. All moneys of the authority shall be considered to be

35   public funds for purposes of chapter 12A. The operations of the authority shall be subject to

36   chapter 268A and chapter 268B and all other operational or administrative standards or

37   requirements to the same extent as the office of the state treasurer.