

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2478**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

*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 pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                 | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:   | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Daniel J. Hunt</i> | <i>13th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/16/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2478) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to require a minimum of ten years of experience for firefighters to become chiefs of fire departments. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2079 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism.

*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 48 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following new section; Section 42B. No person shall be eligible  
3 to be appointed to the position of Fire Chief in any city, town or fire district within the  
4 Commonwealth unless said candidate has been a uniformed member of the firefighting force of a  
5 fire department for a minimum of ten years.