HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 2239 FILED ON: 1/19/2023

HOUSE . . . . . No. 2317

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carol A. Doherty

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 relative to the establishment of the PFAS research and development public safety fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Carol A. Doherty	*3rd Bristol*	*1/19/2023*
Steven George Xiarhos	*5th Barnstable*	*1/29/2023*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*1/29/2023*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*1/29/2023*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*1/29/2023*
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*	*1/29/2023*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*1/29/2023*
Gerard J. Cassidy	*9th Plymouth*	*1/30/2023*
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*1/30/2023*
Ryan M. Hamilton	*15th Essex*	*1/31/2023*
Marc R. Pacheco	*Third Bristol and Plymouth*	*1/31/2023*
Jacob R. Oliveira	*Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester*	*2/2/2023*
Rodney M. Elliott	*16th Middlesex*	*2/2/2023*
Erika Uyterhoeven	*27th Middlesex*	*2/2/2023*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*2/9/2023*
David Allen Robertson	*19th Middlesex*	*2/9/2023*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*	*2/9/2023*
Samantha Montaño	*15th Suffolk*	*2/19/2023*

Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*3/7/2023*
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	*2nd Worcester*	*3/7/2023*
Christopher Richard Flanagan	*1st Barnstable*	*3/14/2023*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*3/22/2023*
James C. Arena-DeRosa	*8th Middlesex*	*5/18/2023*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex*	*7/6/2023*
Chynah Tyler	*7th Suffolk*	*9/27/2023*
Danillo A. Sena	*37th Middlesex*	*9/27/2023*
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*	*10/16/2023*
Margaret R. Scarsdale	*1st Middlesex*	*10/16/2023*

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By Representative Doherty of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2317) of Carol A. Doherty and others relative to the establishment of the PFAS research and development public safety fund to be administered by the Secretary of Public Safety and Security. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to the establishment of the PFAS research and development public safety fund.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 2Q following new section:-

"Section 2R. There shall be established and set up on the books of the Commonwealth a PFAS Research and Development Public Safety Fund. The secretary of public safety and security shall administer the fund. The fund shall consist of amounts credited to the fund from: (i) any appropriations, grants, gifts or other money authorized by the general court or other parties and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and (ii) any income derived from the investment of amounts credited to the fund. Any unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year. Amounts credited to the fund may be expended, without further appropriation, by the secretary on related programs, grants and costs. Such fund shall be used to support the development, testing and purchasing of a PFAS-free Firefighter Turnout Gear

moisture barrier material and design that meet or exceed current NFPA standards without compromising protection or performance and the development and testing of other new materials and designs for turnout gear that reduce the inherent dangers firefighters face, including but not limited to: enhanced protection against primary and secondary exposure to particulates and byproducts of combustion, and reduced maintenance that includes contamination resistance and greater ease of cleaning for any new technical fabrics or designs."