

HOUSE No. 2347

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:
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/28/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>

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By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2347) of Daniel J. Hunt and others relative to public fire safety and professionalism. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

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. Fire chief qualifications;
3 work history of candidates for fire chief: No person shall be eligible to be appointed to the
4 position of Fire Chief, and/or Fire Commissioner, and/or Head of a Fire Department in any City,
5 Town or Fire District within the Commonwealth unless said candidate has been a uniformed
6 member of the Massachusetts firefighting force of a Massachusetts Fire Department for a
7 minimum of five years.