

SENATE No. 1559

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/14/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/12/2023</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>10/5/2023</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1559) of Michael O. Moore, Vanna Howard, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Steven George Xiarhos and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the PFAS Research and Development Public Safety Fund. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**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:

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

3 Section 2RRRRR. There shall be established and set up on the books of the
4 Commonwealth a PFAS Research and Development Public Safety Fund. For the purposes of this
5 section, the term “PFAS” shall include Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances. The
6 secretary of public safety and security shall administer the fund. The fund shall consist of
7 amounts credited to the fund from: (i) any appropriations, grants, gifts or other money authorized
8 by the general court or other parties and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and
9 (ii) any income derived from the investment of amounts credited to the fund. Any unexpended
10 balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be
11 available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year. Amounts credited to the fund may be

12 expended, without further appropriation, by the secretary on related programs, grants and costs.
13 Such fund shall be used to support the development, testing and purchasing of a PFAS-free
14 Firefighter Turnout Gear moisture barrier material and design that meet or exceed current NFPA
15 standards without compromising protection or performance and the development and testing of
16 other new materials and designs for turnout gear that reduce the inherent dangers firefighters
17 face, including but not limited to, enhanced protection against primary and secondary exposure
18 to particulates and byproducts of combustion and reduced maintenance that includes
19 contamination resistance and greater ease of cleaning for any new technical fabrics or designs.