

HOUSE No. 2600

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:
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/3/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>

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By Representative Doherty of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2600) of Carol A. Doherty, David T. Vieira and James K. Hawkins 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-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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 2Q following new section:-

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

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