

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kip A. Diggs

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 firefighter residency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to firefighter residency.

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 99A of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the
3 following section:-

4 Section 99A. Any member of the regular police or fire department and fire alarm division
5 of a city or town appointed subsequent to August first, nineteen hundred and seventy eight who
6 is not subject to chapter 31 shall reside within fifteen miles of the limits of said city or town. Said
7 distance shall be measured from the closest border limits of said city or town in which said
8 member is employed to the closest border limits of the city or town in which said member lives;
9 provided, however, a city or town may increase the fifteen mile residency limit under a collective
10 bargaining agreement negotiated in accordance with chapter 150E.