

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel J. Ryan*

*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 fire safety.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                 | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:  | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Daniel J. Ryan</i> | <i>2nd Suffolk</i> | <i>1/16/2025</i> |

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to fire safety.

*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. Section 81 of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 13 by inserting the following after the words “twenty-  
3 two.”: “Direct supervision” for the purpose of work on a fire protection sprinkler system shall  
4 mean the physical on-site presence with the assigned apprentice and their supervising  
5 journeyman or fire protection sprinkler contractor.”

6           SECTION 2. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
7 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 2 by striking the word “his” and inserting in place  
8 thereof the following: “their”;

9           SECTION 3. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 4 by striking the word “he” and inserting in place  
11 thereof the following: “they”;

12 SECTION 4. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
13 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 6 by striking the word “his” and inserting in place  
14 thereof the following: “their”;

15 SECTION 5. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 7 by striking the word “he is” and inserting in place  
17 thereof the following: “they are”;

18 SECTION 6. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
19 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 7 by striking the word “his” and inserting in place  
20 thereof the following: “their”;

21 SECTION 7. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
22 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 8 by striking the word “his” and inserting in place  
23 thereof the following: “their”;

24 SECTION 8. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
25 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 10 by striking the word “him” and inserting in place  
26 thereof the following: “them”;

27 SECTION 9. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
28 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 14 after the word “fitter.” the following:  
29 “Direct supervision” for the purposes of this section shall mean the physical on-site presence  
30 with the assigned apprentice and their supervising journeyman or fire protection sprinkler  
31 contractor while conducting work on a fire protection sprinkler system.”

32           SECTION 10. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
33 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the following in lines 14-16: “A fire protection  
34 sprinkler contractor may employ one or more apprentices but not more than one apprentice may  
35 be so employed for each journeyman sprinkler fitter.”

36           SECTION 11. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
37 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 14 after the word “fitter.” the following:  
38 “The ratio permitted shall be one licensed journeyman sprinkler fitter or fire protection sprinkler  
39 contractor for every apprentice sprinkler fitter on the jobsite.”

40           SECTION 12. Section 89 of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
41 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 4 after the word “eighty-one” by inserting the  
42 following: “including sections eighty-four through eighty-six,”.