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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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:	
John F. Keenan	*Norfolk and Plymouth*	
Marcus S. Vaughn	*9th Norfolk*	*1/22/2025*
Steven George Xiarhos	*5th Barnstable*	*1/22/2025*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*1/23/2025*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*	*1/30/2025*
Jacob R. Oliveira	*Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester*	*2/7/2025*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*2/7/2025*
Pavel M. Payano	*First Essex*	*3/14/2025*
Nick Collins	*First Suffolk*	*3/28/2025*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*First Plymouth and Norfolk*	*4/3/2025*
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*4/28/2025*

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1449) of John F. Keenan, Marcus S. Vaughn, Steven George Xiarhos, Paul K. Frost and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to firefighter residency. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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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:

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

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