

SENATE No. 1777

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1777) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to pertain to public fire safety and professionalism. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1592 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 48 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section;

3 Section 42B. Fire chief qualifications; work history of candidates for fire chief: No
4 person shall be eligible to be appointed to the position of Fire Chief, and/or Fire Commissioner,
5 and/or Head of a Fire Department in any City, Town or Fire District within the Commonwealth
6 unless said candidate has been a uniformed member of the Massachusetts firefighting force of a
7 Massachusetts Fire Department for a minimum of five years.