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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen M. Brewer

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 to protect call/volunteer firefighters from dismissal.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Michael J. Rodrigues	
Michael O. Moore	
Michael R. Knapik	
Benjamin B. Downing	*Berkshire, Hampshire, and Franklin*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*

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By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 914) of Stephen M. Brewer, Kimberly N. Ferguson, Ellen Story, Denise Andrews and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect call/volunteer firefighters from dismissal. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to protect call/volunteer firefighters from dismissal.

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

SECTION 1. Section 177B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the second paragraph by striking out the following:

"As used in this section, "responding to an emergency" shall mean responding to, working at the scene of, or returning from a fire or call of fire in the good faith belief that such action is necessary to prevent the imminent loss of life or property, where either such fire or such call of fire occurs during a period other than normal working hours of the employee".

And inserting in place thereof the following new sentence:

"As used in this section, "responding to an emergency" shall mean responding to, working at the scene of or returning from a fire, rescue, emergency medical service call, hazardous materials incident, or a natural/man-made disaster or a call of a fire, rescue, emergency medical service call, hazardous materials incident or natural/man-made disaster in the

12 good faith belief that such action is necessary to prevent the imminent loss of life or property,
13 where such emergency occurs during a period other than normal working hours of the
14 employee."

15 SECTION 2. Section 177B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in
16 the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the first paragraph by adding the words "or
17 ambulance department" after the words "fire department" each time such words appear.

18 SECTION 3. Section 177B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in
19 the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the second sentence of the second paragraph by
20 adding the words "or Emergency Medical Technician" after the word "firefighter".