

**Massachusetts House of Representatives**  
**Bill Summary**

**Bill #:** H.2337

**Title:** An Act relative to additional inspectors; inspector engaging in plumbing or gas fitting work

**Sponsor:** Rep. Alyson Sullivan-Almeida

**Committee:** Municipalities and Regional Government

**Hearing Date:**

**Prior History:** Refile of H.2113 (OTP)

**Current Law:** Chapter 40 Section 4J of MGL defines terms used and establishes a statewide public safety mutual aid agreement to create a framework for the provision of mutual aid assistance among the parties to the agreement in the case of a public safety incident. It also describes the process for requesting aid or lending assistance to another member community, describes who is responsible for the expenses, and the rights of municipal employees involved. It also contains provisions regarding third-party claims, indemnification of sending parties, waivers of claims, or causes of action by both parties. There are no provisions for inspectors of plumbing or gas fittings.

This is a local option. A city, town, or another governmental unit may later opt into the mutual aid agreement and may later opt out using the same procedure used to join.

The law does not affect, supersede, or invalidate any other statutory or contractual mutual aid or assistance agreements involving parties to the agreement. It also authorizes a party to enter into supplementary mutual aid agreements with other parties or jurisdictions.

**Summary:** Section 1 amends Section 4J of Chapter 40 of MGL by adding plumbing or gas fitting inspectors to the list of parties that can take part in the statewide public safety mutual aid agreement.