

An Act relative to violation of regulation regarding hot work processes

This legislation passed by the Senate would boost safety for firefighters and people conducting “hot work” (welding, plasma cutting, and spark-producing construction)

Highlights

1 Requires the state to create a public database of violations of the fire prevention statute, and a public notification system to alert workers of violations.

2 Passage of this bill came in the days following the ten year anniversary of the tragic nine alarm fire in the Back Bay, started by welders working on a nearby iron railing, that resulted in the deaths of two Boston firefighters. This bill aims to prevent such tragedies.

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*Promoting fire
safety through
hot work
regulations*



“ This legislation represents historic regulatory reforms that the Walsh-Kennedy Commission helped institute across the hot works and welding industry in Massachusetts. Passing this legislation will ensure that the critical reforms, training, oversight, and accountability needed to prevent tragedies like the Back Bay fire, will be the law of the land. We do this in honor law of Boston Fire Lieutenant Edward Walsh and Firefighter Michael Kennedy so that their sacrifices are not in vain.

–Senator Nick Collins (D–Boston)

