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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Demetrius J. Atsalis**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act pertaining to a firefighter apprenticeship program

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Demetrius J. Atsalis | Second Barnstable |
| Robert McCarthy, President Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts | 130 Bowdoin StreetBoston, MA 02108 |

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act pertaining to a firefighter apprenticeship program.

 *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. Chapter 31, Section 59, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in place the following section after Section 59:-

Section 59A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or rule to the contrary, a firefighters apprenticeship, training, and educational program shall be established for candidates for the position of firefighter in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Furthermore, no person shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of firefighter in a city or town in the Commonwealth until such candidate has successfully passed the “Firefighters Apprenticeship Program. The Firefighters Apprenticeship Program shall be funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the cities, towns, authorities and fire districts therein, the Federal Government, and the candidates in the apprenticeship program.”