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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Tolman, Steven (SEN)**

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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 relative to bargaining units

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Tolman, Steven (SEN) | Second Suffolk and Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01655 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to bargaining units.

*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 3 of Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by adding a third sentence as follows:

The commission shall not find inappropriate and shall not modify or amend any bargaining unit in any fire department in whole or in part engaging in, or having the responsibility of fire fighting, which unit consists in whole or in part of uniform members of the department subordinate to a fire commission, fire commissioner, public safety director, board of engineers or chief of department.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the labor relations commission shall not entertain any petition seeking to modify the scope of any fire department bargaining unit.