

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Demetrius J. Atsalis**

*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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Demetrius J. Atsalis	Second Barnstable
Robert McCarthy, President Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts	130 Bowdoin Street Boston, 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:*

1           Section 1. Chapter 31, Section 59, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
2 by inserting in place the following section after Section 59:-

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