

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Theodore C. Speliotis

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 fire safety in buildings owned or operated by the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FIRE SAFETY IN BUILDINGS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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 148 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding, after section 4, the following new section:-

3 Section 4A Applicability of the fire laws and fire code in buildings owned or controlled by
4 the Commonwealth.

5 (1) Every building owned or controlled by the Commonwealth shall conform to
6 all fire safety standards established under the provisions of this chapter and
7 the rules and regulations of the Board. This section shall not require such
8 buildings to comply with the provisions of any local option law adopted
9 pursuant to this chapter.

10 (2) The marshal, or any person to whom the marshal may delegate his authority
11 in writing, including the head of the fire department, shall enforce the
12 provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board with
13 respect to buildings owned or controlled by the Commonwealth.

14 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, the marshal shall
15 resolve any disputes or appeals arising out of the enforcement activities
16 pursuant to this section, except those actions arising out of the enforcement
17 of section 26A½ or 26G½. The decision of the marshal shall be final.