

HOUSE No. 1251

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to increasing hotel and motel safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1251) of Shawn Dooley, Chris Walsh and Paul K. Frost relative to emergency lighting and emergency means of egress in motels, hotels and inns. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3277 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to increasing hotel and motel safety.

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 21D of chapter 143 of General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 paragraph:-

3 All newly constructed and substantially renovated motels, as defined in section 32A of
4 chapter 140, hotel or inn, which is kept, used or advertised as, or held out to the public to be, a
5 place where sleeping or housekeeping accommodations are supplied for pay to guests for
6 transient occupancy shall equip such rooms, sleeping or housekeeping accommodations with an
7 auxiliary emergency lighting system at a height no greater than 18 inches above the floor,
8 independent of the conventional lighting system, lighted sign indicating both a primary and
9 secondary means of egress by a diagram or symbol so as to assure recognition by all persons,
10 regardless of their English-speaking ability indicating both a primary and secondary means of

- 11 egress by a diagram or symbol so as to assure recognition by all persons, regardless of their
- 12 English-speaking ability. These signs will be in addition to, not a replacement of, the standard
- 13 placement of lighted signs indicating primary and secondary means of egress.