

HOUSE No. 1828

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alyson M. Sullivan

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 additional inspectors; inspector engaging in plumbing or gas fitting work.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>

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By [SPONSOR PREFIX] Sullivan of Abington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1828) of Alyson M. Sullivan and others relative to inspectors of plumbing and gas fitting inspectors . Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to additional inspectors; inspector engaging in plumbing or gas fitting work.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 143 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting a new section 12A.

3 Cities, towns and fire districts may, by ordinance or by-law, or by vote of the board of
4 aldermen, selectmen or of the prudential committee or board exercising similar powers, authorize
5 their respective inspector of plumbing or gas fitting inspectors to go to aid another city, town, or
6 area under federal jurisdiction in this commonwealth or in any adjoining state in conducting
7 inspections therein, or rendering any other emergency aid or performing any detail as ordered by
8 the building commissioner, town manager, or mayor, or the Massachusetts military reservation
9 and while in the performance of their duties in extending such aid the members of such
10 departments shall have the same immunities and privileges as if performing the same within their
11 respective cities, towns or districts. Any such ordinance, by-law or vote may authorize the head
12 of the plumbing and gas fitting department to extend such aid, subject to such conditions and

13 restrictions as may be prescribed therein. The words "plumbing and gas fitting" as used in this
14 section shall mean lawfully organized plumbing and gas fitting inspectors, however constituted.

15 During the course of rendering such aid to another municipality, the municipality
16 rendering aid shall be responsible for the operation of its equipment and for any damage thereto,
17 and, subject to the limitations of municipal liability, for personal injury sustained or caused by a
18 member of its plumbing and gas fitting personnel, and for any payments which it is required to
19 make to a member of said department or to his widow or other dependents on account of injuries
20 or death, notwithstanding paragraph (b) of subdivision (4) of section seven of chapter thirty-two,
21 unless such municipalities have a written agreement to the contrary.