

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2347**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel J. Hunt***

*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 pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/28/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>

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By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2347) of Daniel J. Hunt and others relative to public fire safety and professionalism. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism.

*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 48 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following new section; Section 42B. Fire chief qualifications;  
3 work history of candidates for fire chief: No person shall be eligible to be appointed to the  
4 position of Fire Chief, and/or Fire Commissioner, and/or Head of a Fire Department in any City,  
5 Town or Fire District within the Commonwealth unless said candidate has been a uniformed  
6 member of the Massachusetts firefighting force of a Massachusetts Fire Department for a  
7 minimum of five years.