

HOUSE No. 3520

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dean Campbell

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 establishing a municipal bulk purchasing program for industrial washing machines for fire departments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3520) of Linda Dean Campbell and others for legislation to establish a municipal bulk purchasing program for industrial washing machines for fire departments. Public Service.

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

An Act establishing a municipal bulk purchasing program for industrial washing machines for fire departments.

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

1 WHEREAS cancer from toxic smoke is the leading cause of line-of duty firefighter
2 deaths in the US;

3 WHEREAS that estimates suggest that firefighters in Boston are 2.5 times more likely to
4 get cancer than civilians; and

5 WHEREAS the occupation conditions for firefighters lead to high skin absorption rates
6 of toxic chemicals that are significantly increased if their “turnout gear” is not washed
7 immediately.

8 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2VVVV,
9 inserted by section 41 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016, the following section:-

10 Section 2WWWW. (a) There shall be an Industrial Washing Machine Bulk Purchase
11 Trust Fund to be administered and expended by the state fire marshal for the municipal and

12 district industrial washing machine bulk purchase program. Municipalities and fire districts may
13 join the program to purchase industrial washing machines for municipal fire departments or fire
14 districts. The department of fire services, hereinafter referred to as the department, shall assist
15 with the purchasing and distribution of industrial washing machines on behalf of the program,
16 and with administering the program's price reductions and grant allocations for industrial
17 washing machine purchases.

18 (b) The fund shall consist of: (i) payments made by participating municipalities and fire
19 districts for the purchase of industrial washing machines; (ii) revenue from appropriations or
20 other monies authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the
21 fund; and (iii) funds from public or private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants,
22 donations, rebates and settlements received by the commonwealth that are specifically
23 designated to be credited to the fund. Funds received under clauses (ii) or (iii) shall be
24 apportioned in a manner determined by the department and shall be applied to provide price
25 reductions for participating municipalities and districts purchasing industrial washing machines
26 through the program, and grants to participating and non-participating municipalities and fire
27 districts to purchase industrial washing machines through the program.

28 (c) Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation and monies
29 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund. The state
30 fire marshal shall report annually not later than October 1 to the house and senate committees on
31 ways and means on the fund's activity. The report shall include, but not be limited to, revenue
32 received by the fund, revenue and expenditure projections for the forthcoming fiscal year and
33 details of all expenditures from the fund, the municipalities and fire districts participating in the

34 program, the amount of industrial washing machines purchased by each municipality and fire
35 district, and the discount procured through bulk purchasing.