

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5154**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Todd M. Smola***

*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 the Ware Fire Department.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5154) of Todd M. Smola, Anne M. Gobi and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of fire officers and firefighters in the town of Ware. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to the Ware Fire Department.

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

1           ARTICLE 24. Passed by a Majority vote in favor that the Town authorize the Board of  
2   Selectmen to petition the Legislature for a special act of legislation to establish that  
3   “notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. Chapter 48, Section 42, the selectboard of the Town of  
4   Ware shall serve as fire commissioners in the Town of Ware for appointment of all fire officers  
5   and firefighters. Upon and after acceptance of this Special Act by the Town of Ware, the  
6   selectboard acting as fire commissioners shall have sole authority to hire and promote all  
7   firefighters and fire officers in the Town of Ware. The Fire Chief shall retain all other powers,  
8   duties and responsibilities set forth in G.L. Chapter 48, Section 42, provided that the legislature  
9   may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation with the scope of the  
10   general public objectives of this petition.