

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1424**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 firefighter bargaining units.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael F. Rush*

*Marjorie C. Decker*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk and Suffolk*

*25th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1424) of Michael F. Rush and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation relative to firefighter bargaining units. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1283 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to firefighter bargaining units.

*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 3 of Chapter 150E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the first paragraph the following  
3 sentences:-

4 The commission shall not find inappropriate and shall not modify or amend any  
5 bargaining unit in any fire department in whole or in part engaging in, or having the  
6 responsibility of fire fighting, if such a unit consists in whole or in part of uniform members of  
7 the department subordinate to a fire commission, fire commissioner, public safety director, board  
8 of engineers or chief of department. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,  
9 the labor relations commission shall not entertain any petition seeking to modify the scope of any  
10 fire department bargaining unit.