

SENATE No. 2368

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen
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SENATE, Monday, September 8, 2014

The committee on Ethics and Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Bill creating a special commission studying cutting, welding and hot work processes regulated by the State Fire Code (Senate, No. 2323),- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a resolve entitled “Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the cutting, welding and hot work processes regulated by the state fire code” (Senate, No. 2368).

For the committee,
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Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the cutting, welding and hot work processes regulated by the state fire code.

1 **Resolved**, There shall be a special commission established on welding and hot works
2 regulation. The commission shall investigate and study the current requirements for licenses and
3 permits governing cutting, welding and other hot work processes involving burning or a similar
4 operation that is capable of initiating fires or explosions to determine if the state fire code
5 adequately protects the safety of the public and first responders. The study shall consider the
6 current conditions required for the issuance of licenses or permits, the use of supervised details
7 and firewatchers, the adequacy of fees to cover inspection, oversight and other municipal costs,
8 the deterrent effect of penalties for violations of rules and regulations and cost recovery
9 assessment for damages resulting from the failure to comply with rules and regulations, the
10 training and certification required to perform the work and any other matters the commission
11 finds that would enhance the safety of the work. The commission shall report its findings,
12 including any proposed legislation, to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the
13 joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the executive office of public safety
14 and security not later than June 1, 2015.

15 The commission shall consist of 1 member of the Fire Chiefs' Association of
16 Massachusetts, Inc., 1 member appointed by the governor who shall have experience and
17 expertise in cutting, welding and hot works trades, the house and senate chairs of the joint
18 committee on public safety and homeland security or their designees, 1 member of the house
19 appointed by the minority leader, 1 member of the senate appointed by the minority leader, the
20 state fire marshal or a designee, the chairman of the board of fire prevention regulations or a
21 designee, the associate commissioner of the vocational workforce and college readiness
22 programs or a designee and a representative of a labor organization representing pipefitters
23 chosen by the president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.