

HOUSE No. 1268

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Heroux

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 resolve:

Resolve providing for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1268) of Paul R. Heroux and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the use of manufactured wood products and light weight wood frame truss assemblies, so-called. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

Resolve providing for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths.

1 **Resolved**, That notwithstanding any General or Special Law to the contrary there is
2 hereby established a Special Commission to investigate and make recommendations to the
3 General Court concerning the use of manufactured wood products and light weight wood frame
4 truss assemblies so called. Such investigation shall study the inordinate number of firefighter
5 deaths and injuries in this construction type, the impact these type building products will have on
6 fire insurance rates in the Commonwealth, whether full disclosure to home buyers detailing the
7 fire resistive qualities of these products compared to dimension lumber construction should be
8 mandated and what steps should be taken to mitigate any problems associated with these
9 products.

10 Said Committee shall comprise three members of the Senate, three members of the House
11 of Representatives, a representative of the Executive Office of Public Safety, a representative of
12 the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association, and a representative of the Professional Firefighters
13 of Massachusetts.

14 Said Committee shall report its findings to the General Court no later than January 1,
15 2019.