

HOUSE No. 3054

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 distinctive registration plates for firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Steven S. Howitt

4th Bristol

Shaunna L. O'Connell

3rd Bristol

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3054) of Steven S. Howitt and Shaunna L. O'Connell relative to distinctive registration plates for firefighters. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1849 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to distinctive registration plates for firefighters.

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 1. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to owners of private passenger motor
4 vehicles who are active members, members retired in good standing, or the immediate family
5 member of a firefighter killed in the line of duty, distinctive registration plates which shall
6 display on their face a Maltese cross indicating their status as firefighters. No such plate shall be
7 issued or renewed until proper certification has been made to the registrar by the chief of the fire
8 department in which the applicant serves. There shall be a \$20 fee for the plate in addition to the
9 established registration fee for passenger motor vehicles which shall be transferred in equal
10 proportion to the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy Trust Fund established pursuant to section

11 165A of chapter 6, and the Massachusetts Fallen Firefighter Memorial Trust Fund described in
12 section 2F of this chapter.

13 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any driving ban imposed by the commonwealth or any
14 municipality, in a state of emergency, any active member of a fire department driving a vehicle
15 bearing the distinctive registration plate shall be authorized and empowered to travel upon state
16 highways in accordance with their official duties.