

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3833**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*William C. Galvin*

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*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 providing for a study of the necessity of certain snow safety procedures.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*William C. Galvin*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*6th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin that the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security conduct a study evaluating the necessity and feasibility of implementing certain snow safety procedures relative to rooftop snowfall and fire hydrant accessibility. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act providing for a study of the necessity of certain snow safety procedures.

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

1           The executive office of public safety and security shall conduct a study evaluating the  
2 necessity and feasibility of implementing certain snow safety procedures relative to rooftop  
3 snowfall and fire hydrant accessibility. Said study shall include an assessment of the danger  
4 posed by heavy snowfall on building roofs and skylights, particularly as it relates to clearing  
5 snow off of rooftops, the need to address such danger, and the implementation costs and  
6 potential benefits associated with the placement of identification markers on the skylights of  
7 large buildings, which would be visible after a heavy snow storm. Said study shall also include  
8 an assessment of current procedures for clearing fire hydrants after a snow storm, incidents of  
9 harm caused by inaccessible fire hydrants due to snowfall in the commonwealth, and the  
10 feasibility and effectiveness of requiring property owners to clear out fire hydrants after a snow  
11 fall or else face a fine.

12           The executive office of public safety and security shall submit a written report detailing  
13 the results of its study, including recommendations, with the clerks of the house of  
14 representatives and the senate within 180 days of the effective date of this act.