

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00635**

---

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESENTED BY:

*Demetrius J. Atsalis*

\_\_\_\_\_

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act pertaining to a firefighter apprenticeship program..

\_\_\_\_\_  
PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Demetrius J. Atsalis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Barnstable*

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 00635

---

By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition (accompanied by [legType], House, No. 00635) of [petitioners] relative to establishing a fire fighters apprenticeship program  
□. Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

---

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 2192 OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act pertaining to a firefighter apprenticeship program..

*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. Chapter 31, Section 59, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting in place the following section after Section 59:-  
3 Section 59A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or rule to the contrary, a firefighters  
4 apprenticeship, training, and educational program shall be established for candidates for the  
5 position of firefighter in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Furthermore, no person shall be  
6 eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of firefighter in a city  
7 or town in the Commonwealth until such candidate has successfully passed the “Firefighters  
8 Apprenticeship Program. The Firefighters Apprenticeship Program shall be funded by the

- 9 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the cities, towns, authorities and fire districts therein, the
- 10 Federal Government, and the candidates in the apprenticeship program.”