

SENATE No. 1604

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)

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 to establish a committee on fire safety inspection standards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Jiovani Luciani

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1604) of Jiovani Luciani for legislation to establish a committee on fire safety inspection standards. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to establish a committee on fire safety inspection standards.

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. (a) The Executive Office of Public Safety shall, after the formation of a
2 committee comprised of fire chiefs or deputy fire chiefs in the Commonwealth, issue a report on
3 the equity, predictability and accuracy of the method of determining each municipality’s ability
4 to contribute toward fire departments and the calculation of each municipality’s required local
5 contribution; provided, however, that the committee shall solicit public comment.

6 (b) Not later than December 31, 2021, the Executive Office of Public Safety shall file a
7 report with the clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

8 (c) The committee shall be made up of no more than 15 members, composed of fire
9 chiefs and deputy fire chiefs from across the Commonwealth. Every effort shall be made to
10 ensure equal representation of the various sized departments in the Commonwealth.

11 The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) an analysis of current fire departments
12 in the state and their average budgetary constraints(ii) a survey of deficiencies in the

13 departments, identifying common trends and potential solutions to address them (iii) an
14 assessment of how fire equipment shall be inspected in the Commonwealth as it pertains to the
15 everyday operation of the fire department. This shall include the oxygen tanks, the hoses, and
16 any equipment not already inspected under Occupational Safety and Health Administration
17 standards or National Fire Prevention Association standards. (vii) the determination of the needs
18 of fire departments and what constitutes effective operational conditions (viii) an analysis of the
19 cost of implementing said standards created by the committee and what financial aid may be
20 available to help to implement said standards.

21 The report shall also make recommendations to refine or revise the method of
22 determining future budgetary needs, the creation of future training programs, the improvement of
23 current training programs, and any other possible remedies identified by the committee.