

**SENATE . . . . . No. 01865**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas P. Kennedy*

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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 passage of the accompanying Resolve:

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

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Thomas P. Kennedy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Plymouth and Bristol*

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By Mr. Kennedy, petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1865) of Kennedy to provide for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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

Resolved,

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, 2012.