

HOUSE No. 223

By Mr. Donelan of Orange, petition of Kathi-Anne Reinstein and others for legislation to establish a fire equipment grant program. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT 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 To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the common-
2 wealth, to provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropria-
3 tions, and to meet certain requirements of law, the sums set forth
4 herein are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifi-
5 cally designated otherwise herein, for the several purposes and sub-
6 ject to the conditions specified herein, and subject to the provisions
7 of law regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2007, provided that said sums shall be in addition to
9 any amounts previously appropriated and made available for the pur-
10 poses of said items.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF
PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY.**

Fire Equipment Grant Program.

8000-0050	<p>For a firefighting equipment grant program for fire departments of every city, town, fire district and authority of the commonwealth to be administered by the executive office of public safety and homeland security, provided that grants shall be distributed to municipalities according to a formula giving equal weight to each municipality's population; provided further that a municipality shall not receive less than \$15,000; provided further, that eligible fire safety equipment under this program shall include, but shall not be limited to, turnout gear, hand-held power lights, communication devices, telephones, personal alert safety systems, air packs, tanks, compressors, thermal imaging devices and computerized personnel accountability systems, but shall exclude firefighter apparatus and vehicles; provided further that grants awarded by said executive office to a municipality under the program shall not be utilized for the purpose of personnel costs unless such costs constitute 50 per cent or less of the total grant award; provided further that no grant shall be awarded to the department of fire services; provided further that not later than February 1, 2007, the executive office of public safety shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and to the secretary for administration and finance detailing the amount of grants awarded to such grant recipients and descriptions of the grants and each municipality shall provide the executive office of public safety with a comprehensive list of the best-practices that have been instituted as a result of these grants</p>	10,000,000
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