

HOUSE No. 2331

By Mr. Kennedy of Brockton, petition of Thomas P. Kennedy and Robert B. McCarthy for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATING CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES AND THEIR IMPACT ON FIREFIGHTER DEATHS.

1 *Resolved*, That notwithstanding any general or special law to
2 the contrary there is hereby established a Special Commission to
3 investigate and make recommendations to the General Court con-
4 cerning the use of manufactured wood products and light weight
5 wood frame truss assemblies so called. Such investigation shall
6 study the inordinate number of firefighter deaths and injuries in
7 this construction type, the impact these type building products
8 will have on fire insurance rates in the Commonwealth, whether
9 full disclosure to home buyers detailing the fire resistive qualities
10 of these products compared to dimension lumber construction
11 should be mandated and what steps should be taken to mitigate
12 any problems associated with these products.
13 Said Committee shall comprise three members of the Senate,
14 three members of the House of Representatives, a representative
15 of the Executive Office of Public Safety, a representative of the
16 Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association, and a representative of the
17 Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts.
18 Said Committee shall report its findings to the General Court
19 no later than January 1, 2008.