

HOUSE No. 2374

By Mr. Rush of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Menino and Michael F. Rush that cities and towns be authorized to assess fees for certain rescue services. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONFINED SPACE RESCUE SERVICES.

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 10A of Chapter 148 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the
- 3 first paragraph the following new paragraph:—
- 4 “The head of the fire department in each city, town or fire district
- 5 that accepts this provision shall assess a fee for providing “confined
- 6 space” rescue services for certain construction jobs and projects as
- 7 defined and required by the Occupational Safety and Health Admin-
- 8 istration (OSHA). The fee shall be set in a town by the board of
- 9 selectmen or town council, or in a city by the mayor.”