

HOUSE No. 3191

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:
Steven J. D'Amico

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 bill:
An Act providing for a distinctive registration plate for firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Joan M. Menard	First Bristol and Plymouth
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Geraldine Creedon	11th Plymouth
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A DISTINCTIVE REGISTRATION PLATE FOR FIREFIGHTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

The registrar shall furnish to owners of private passenger motor vehicles who are active members, members retired in good standing, or the immediate family member of a firefighter killed in the line of duty, distinctive registration plates which shall display on their face a design indicating their status as firefighters. No such plate shall be issued or renewed until proper certification has been made to the registrar by the chief of the fire department in which the applicant serves. There shall be a \$10 fee for said plate in addition to the established registration fee for passenger motor vehicles which shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy Trust Fund pursuant to section 165A of chapter 6.

SECTION 2. In a state of emergency, any active member of a fire department driving a vehicle bearing the distinctive registration plate shall be authorized and empowered to travel upon the highways of the Commonwealth, notwithstanding any driving ban imposed by the Commonwealth or any municipality, in accordance with their official duties.