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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Department

From: Stephen D. Coan
State Fire Marshal

Date: September 3, 2015

RE: A law relative to establishing the sales and use of consumer fireworks in the Commonwealth

As I reported at the August Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts monthly meeting, please be advised that an Initiative Petition No. 15-22: *A law relative to establishing the sales and use of consumer fireworks in the Commonwealth* was filed in August. As part of the Initiative process, the Massachusetts Attorney General's office is required to conduct a legal review prior to certifying proposed petitions to go forward to the voters.

On September 2, 2015, The Attorney General's Office was unable to certify the petition, since the language not only legalized and regulated the use of "consumer fireworks", but also repealed statutory requirements relating to explosive materials and professional fireworks displays. Due to the inability to certify the petition as drafted, it will not move forward at this time.

For more information and details about this petition you may go to the following link at the Attorney General's web site:

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/docs/government/2015-petitions/15-22-summary.pdf>