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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher G. Fallon

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:

An Act pertaining to firefighters injuries.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Christopher G. Fallon	*33rd Middlesex*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Fallon of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1597) of Christopher G. Fallon, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and Martin J. Walsh relative to the prompt treatment of injuries suffered by fire fighters in the line of duty. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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, NO. *2382* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act pertaining to firefighters injuries.

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

Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition is amended in section 100 by adding at the end the following:

"Notwithstanding the above provisions of this section, payments for medical expenses incurred due to injuries suffered in the line of duty shall be made at the normal and reasonable rate paid by health insurance carriers and not reduced to the rates paid pursuant to Chapter 152 of the General Laws.

Notwithstanding any law or special resolve to the contrary, that all public and private rehabilitation facilities that treat and manage injured firefighters be regulated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that the above named have oversight to regulate the same; that all such injured firefighters receive medical treatment and rehabilitation therapy within 48 hours of notification to regulated facilities of such injuries; and that regulating authorities mandate a timely appeals process."