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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 providing for a distinctive registration plate for firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*
Anthony W. Petruccelli	☐ *[District]* ☐
Michael J. Rodrigues	☐ *[District]* ☐
Stephen M. Brewer	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin*

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By Ms. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2643) of Rodrigues and others that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles issue a distinctive registration plate for firefighters Joint Committee on Transportation.

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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 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

The registrar shall furnish, upon application, 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 the plate in addition to the established registration fee for passenger motor vehicles which shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy Trust Fund established under section 165A of chapter 6.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any driving ban imposed by the commonwealth or any municipality, 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 state highways in accordance with their official duties.