

**Senate Committee on Public
Safety and Homeland Security
– Senator James Timilty**

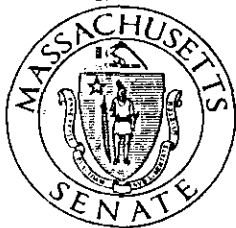
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May 23, 2011

James E. Timitly, Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
State House, Room 507
Boston, MA 01233

Harold P. Naughton, House Chair
Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
State House, Room 167
Boston, MA 02133


Dear Chairmen:

I am writing in support of **Senate Bill 1188**, "*An Act to include call/volunteer firefighters on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council*," which is pending before your committee.

This bill seeks to bring equity to the memberships that represent our firefighters. Volunteer firefighters serve small towns across the Commonwealth and provide an invaluable public service at no to little cost. Without them, the safety of our towns would be compromised. Call/volunteer firefighters often have different needs than full time firefighters, but without representation, these needs may not be met despite their diligence to provide the same level of service. As such, they deserve representation on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council. I encourage you to review S1188 and release it with a favorable report.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


STEPHEN M. BREWER
State Senator

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Bill Summary

Bill Number: S 01188

Name: An Act to Include Call/Volunteer Firefighters on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council

Sponsor(s): Sen. Brewer

Hearing Date:

Similar Bills:

Prior History: Re-file of S 922 of 2009-2010

1/20/2009 Referred to the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

1/20/2009 House Concurred

9/13/2010 Accompanied a study order, see S2619

Current Law: Mass. Gen. Laws. ch. 6, §164 (2000) establishes the Massachusetts Fire Training Council in the Department of Fire Services, within the Executive Office of Public Safety. The Council consists of ten members and is comprised of the chief fire warden; the secretary of public safety; the director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy; and ten members appointed by the Governor, including: 4 fire chiefs (one representing a fully paid fire department; one representing a partially paid part-call fire department; one representing a full-call fire department; and one representing a community from Metro Fire District 13.) The remaining members include 1 fire department training instructor; 1 fire prevention inspector; 2 professional firefighters; and 2 citizens of the Commonwealth.

Summary of Proposed Law: S. 922 amends ch. 6, §164 by increasing Massachusetts Fire Training Council to twelve members, two of whom would be selected from a list provided by the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association.

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From: bigmac2797@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 7:38 PM
To: Timilty, James (SEN)
Subject: S.1188

Hearing
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The Honorable James E. Timilty
Room 507
Statehouse
Boston, MA. 02133

Dear Senator Timilty;

My name is Paul A. Mac Pherson and I reside in Seekonk, Ma. I was a Call Firefighter/ E.M.T. on the Seekonk Fire Department for 28 1/2 years retiring in March of 2002. I am writing to let you know of my

strong support of S. 1188 a bill that would include two Call/ Volunteer Firefighters on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council.

I, in the past, have attended training sessions at the Fire Academy. These trainings were very informative and well taught. I feel that there should be two Call/ Volunteer Firefighters on this committee as they work

side by side and hand in hand with full time firefighters and I am sure that they would have valid input as to training and so forth.

Call/ Volunteer Firefighters fight the same type of fires and run into the same type of rescue situations and so forth as full time firefighters. Call/Volunteer Firefighters should not be treated as second class citizens in

the Commonwealth.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter and I hope you will give STRONG support to this bill.

Sincerely

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Subject: Support Call/Volunteer Firefighters

Gordon Hughes
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May 18, 2011

The Honorable James E. Timilty
Massachusetts Senate
Massachusetts State Senate
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator Timilty:

As a call/volunteer firefighter, I ask that you please attend the Public Safety Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 1PM and testify in support of An Act to Include Call/Volunteer Firefighters on the Fire Training Council.

This legislation, H03169 and S01188, would add two call/volunteer firefighters to the Massachusetts Fire Training Council. Currently, there are no call/volunteer firefighters on the Training Council even though the Training Council sets training and professional standards for call/volunteer firefighters. It is long overdue for call/volunteer firefighters to have a seat at the table where their training and professional standards are determined.

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The Massachusetts Fire Training Council, is made up of two career firefighters, four fire chiefs (one from a career department, one from a Metro Boston department, one from a combination department and one from a call/volunteer department), one fire inspector, one fire instructor, two citizens, the Chief Forest Warden, the Director of the Fire Academy and the Secretary of Public Safety. It is unfair and disenfranchising to the volunteer fire service to be excluded from the Training Council. Call/volunteer firefighters should be equally represented on the council alongside career firefighters.

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The reality is that rank and file volunteers or volunteer company officers would bring a different perspective to the Training Council that the chiefs lack. Both career and volunteer firefighters can add an important dimension to the Council and should serve together.

Other people who oppose this legislation claim that adding call/volunteer firefighters to the Training Council would destroy fire training in the Commonwealth because

call/volunteer firefighters don't want to train. This argument is bunk. Every firefighter, career, call or volunteer, should be trained to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. The reason I want call/volunteer representation on the Fire Training Council is to improve fire training and bring the volunteer fire service in Massachusetts up to national standards.

Please support call/volunteer firefighters and testify in support of these two bills.

Sincerely,

Gordon Hughes

Shield, Patrick (SEN)

From: d.sullivan.jr@comcast.net
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Subject: Support Call/Volunteer Firefighters

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.
House Chairman

James E. Timilty
Senate Chairman

Public Hearing

DATE: May 19, 2011

TIME: 1-5 PM

PLACE: Room A-2

BILLS TO BE HEARD

HOUSE

- H00664- An Act relative to kayak safety (Straus)
- H01580- An Act pertaining to firefighter training (Walsh)
- H02389- An Act regarding the certification and training of fire service personnel (Coppinger)
- H02909- An Act relative to criminal justice training regarding persons with autism spectrum disorder (Brodeur)
- H03169- An Act placing on call and volunteer firefighters on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council (Frost)

SENATE

- S01188- An Act to include call/volunteer firefighters on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council (Brewer)
- S01197- An Act relative to criminal justice training regarding persons with autism spectrum disorder (Clark)
- S01199- An Act relative to training law enforcement in dealing with individuals suffering from mental illness (Creem)
- S01220- An Act relative to cognitive behavioral training (Moore)
- S01221- An Act relative to the safety of police, fire and medical personnel (Moore)
- S01250- An Act relative to process piping (Timilty)
- S01258- An Act relative to police training (Timilty)
- S01866- An Act creating the police fire safety equipment fund (Knapik)



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Chief Mark Leakey

Chief Wayne Sampson

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Rep Tim Madden

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Chief Ron Keating
Boston Fire

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Sheriff Tom Holjeson

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Rep Paul Brodeur
w/ Lydia Brooks Brown

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Rep Paul McMurtry

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Hearing - PSHS May 19, 2011 - Testimony

Rep. Ed McMurphy - 51866 Support

Rep. (Harris) - 51866 Support
 Anderson Training for Police

Lydia - 51866 Support
~~Rep. (Harris)~~

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Chief Keating, Boston Fire

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Chief ~~Wynn~~ / Mark Lohy

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Chief Wynn, Sampson

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Leo Fahay
 Good bill w/ no corrections in place to fulfill the legislation

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Jay

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Kenneth Schiano

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Chief Joe Marsano

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 (Barnstable)

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Bill Delaney

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Rep. Carpenter

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
 Nancy Harris
 Nancy Sam Frost

Rep. Madsen - 51866 Support
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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H 3169

Name: An Act Placing On-Call and Volunteer Firefighters on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council

Sponsor(s): Representative Paul Frost

Hearing Date: My 19 2011

Similar Bills: S 1188

Prior History: Re-file of H 2225

1/20/2009 Referred to the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

11/10/2010 Accompanied a study order, see H5066

Current Law: Massachusetts General Law Chapter 6 Section 164 establishes the Massachusetts Fire Training Council. The Council consists of the chief fire warden; the secretary of public safety; the director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy; and ten other members, including: 4 fire chiefs (one representing a fully paid fire dept.; one representing a partially paid part-call fire dept.; one representing a full-call fire department; and one representing a community from Metro Fire District 13.) The remaining members include 1 fire dept. training instructor; 1 fire prevention inspector; 2 professional firefighters; and 2 citizens.

Summary of Proposed Law: H 3169 would mandate that two members be appointed to the council from a list of four submitted by the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighter Association. It would also change the number of other members appointed, from ten to twelve.

HOUSE No. 03169

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost

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 placing on call and volunteer firefighters on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>David Vieira,</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Gailanne Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>John W Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Kimberly Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>

HOUSE No. 03169

By Mr. Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3169) of Andrews and others for legislation to include call and volunteer fire fighters as members of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2225 OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act placing on call and volunteer firefighters on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council.

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 164 of Chapter 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended in line 6 by striking the word "ten" and inserting in its place the word
3 "twelve". It is hereby further amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the
4 following:— ; two of whom shall be selected from a list of four names submitted by the
5 Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association.