

SENATE No. 386

To accompany the petition of the Associated Fire Fighters of Massachusetts (A. F. of L.), by Edmund H. Therrien and others, that provision be made for the further taxation of fire insurance companies for certain purposes. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FURTHER TAXATION OF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

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

1 Chapter 63 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 22, as amended, the two fol-
3 lowing sections: —

4 *Section 22A.* Every domestic fire insurance com-
5 pany coming within the scope of the definition of a
6 domestic company in section one of chapter one hun-
7 dred and seventy-five, except fire insurance companies
8 in respect to business taxable under section twenty-
9 nine A, shall annually pay an additional excise tax of
10 one half of one per cent, and every foreign fire insur-
11 ance company coming within the scope of the defini-
12 tion of a foreign company in said section one, except fire
13 insurance companies with respect to business taxable
14 under said section twenty-nine A, shall annually pay

15 an additional tax of one per cent upon the gross
16 premiums for all policies written or renewed, all addi-
17 tional premiums charged, and all assessments made by
18 such company on policyholders during the preceding
19 calendar year, exclusive of reinsurance, for the purpose
20 of providing funds for the maintenance of a perma-
21 nent fire training program; but, in the case of domestic
22 fire insurance companies, such premiums and assess-
23 ments for policies written or renewed for insurance,
24 exclusive of reinsurance, of property or interests in
25 other states or countries where a tax is actually paid
26 by such company or its agents, shall not be so taxed.

27 *Section 22B.* All sums received under section
28 twenty-two A and under the provisions of this chapter
29 as excise, penalties or forfeiture, interest, cost of suits
30 and fines shall be paid into the state treasury and shall
31 be credited to the department of education, division
32 of vocational education, and the sums so received shall
33 be used exclusively to construct and maintain fire
34 schools and provide for a permanent program of fire
35 training in the commonwealth.