HOUSE No. 845

By Mr. Reynolds of Worcester (by request), petition of the Associated Fire Fighters of Mass., AFL:CIO, that the Commissioner of Public Safety be directed to establish a state fire academy. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Wassachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE FIRE ACADEMY.

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

Chapter 22 of the General Laws is hereby amended by add-

2 ing after section 14 the following new sections: —

Section 15. The commissioner of public safety is authorized 3

4 and directed to establish and administer a technical fire academy

5 to be known as the "State Fire Academy" insofar as funds are

6 made available by the general court; provided, however, that 7 all action taken hereunder shall be with the advice and consent

8 of the fire academy board as established by the following section.

Section 16. There shall be within the department a fire acad-10 emy board who shall be appointed by the governor with the

11 advice and consent of the council and who shall serve without

12 compensation comprised of the following: — the commissioner

13 of public safety, ex officio; the president of Fire Chief's Club

14 of Massachusetts, ex officio; the president of the Massachusetts

15 Institute of Fire Department Instructors, ex-officio; the presi-

16 dent of the Associated Firefighters of Massachusetts, AFL:CIO, 17 ex officio; three persons holding the positions of chief of the

18 department in a municipality; and a person experienced in the

19 prevention and control activity.

Section 17. The commissioner of public safety with the 20 21 advice and consent of the fire academy board shall determine

22 the location and the curriculum of the academy and the quali-

23 fications of the instructors serving therein as well as all other

24 matters pertaining to its establishment and administration.

Section 18. The initial appointments of the members of the 25 26 fire academy board, as provided in the preceding section, ex-

27 cept the ex officio members, shall be for one, two and three years.

28 respectively, and thereafter for terms of three years.