

By Mr. Hermann of North Andover, petition of Joseph N. Hermann relative to increasing the limit requiring fire insurance companies to contribute to certain costs for fire protection. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT INCREASING THE LIMIT REQUIRING FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO CERTAIN COSTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION.

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 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 195, as most recently amended by section 72 of chapter
3 233 of the acts of 1983, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 Section 195. Sums for the estimated expenses of the operation
6 of training facilities and curriculum for fire fighting personnel of
7 the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy, not to exceed nine
8 hundred thousand dollars per year, as may be appropriated there-
9 for, shall be paid to the commonwealth by insurance companies
10 writing fire, homeowners multiple peril or commercial multiple
11 peril policies on property situated in the commonwealth within
12 thirty days after notice from the commissioner of such estimated
13 expenses. The commissioner shall apportion such estimated
14 charges among all such companies and shall assess them for the
15 same on a fair and reasonable basis, not to exceed one-fourth of
16 one per cent of their estimated gross premiums on such insurance
17 written on property situated in the commonwealth. The commis-
18 sioner shall subsequently apportion actual costs among all such
19 companies and shall make assessment adjustments for the same
20 for any variation between estimated and actual costs on a fair and
21 reasonable basis, not to exceed one-fourth of one per cent of their
22 actual gross premium on such insurance written on property situ-

23 ated in the commonwealth. Such estimated and actual costs shall
24 include an amount equal to the cost of fringe benefits established
25 by the commissioner of administration pursuant to section six B of
26 chapter twenty-nine.