

By Mr. Cohen of Newton, petition of Theodore D. Mann and David B. Cohen that cities and towns be authorized to provide regional law enforcement and fire protection activities. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.

1 *Whereas*, In order to facilitate regional public safety activities,
2 cities and towns have organized and participated in associations
3 and non-profit organizations for the purpose of providing law
4 enforcement and fire protection activities through, but not limited
5 to, educational and training services, as well as the collective
6 purchasing, operation and maintenance of material, supplies,
7 equipment and services; and

8 *Whereas*, There is a need to allow such associations and
9 nonprofit organizations to serve as the collective purchasing agent
10 for the cities and towns which are members of such associations
11 and non-profit organizations;

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 1. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended to insert a new Section 4I.

3 Section 4I. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any
4 association or non-profit organization, established by cities and
5 towns for the purpose of promoting law enforcement and fire
6 protection activities through, but not limited to, educational and
7 training services, as well as collective purchasing, operation and
8 maintenance of materials, supplies, equipment and services shall
9 be considered a political subdivision as that term is defined in
10 M.G.L. c.7, §22A for purposes of acting as a purchasing agent
11 for collective purchases made pursuant to M.G.L. c.7, §22B. No

12 member of such association or non-profit organization shall be
13 liable for the any act or omission of such association or non-profit
14 organization. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no
15 member of such association or non-profit organization shall be
16 liable for any act or omission committed by it on behalf of such
17 association or non-profit organization.

1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect immediately upon
2 passage.