

HOUSE No. 5934

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 5, 1977.

The committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2269) of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts and Joseph J. Semensi relative to the investigation of fires by local officials, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5934) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JOHN F. COFFEY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE INVESTIGATIONS OF FIRES OR
EXPLOSIONS BY LOCAL OFFICIALS.

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 2 of Chapter 148 of the General Laws as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 504 of the Acts of 1948 is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentence:— Heads of fire departments in
5 cities, towns, or fire districts or their designees who shall be
6 members of city, town or fire district fire departments shall
7 investigate the cause and circumstances of every fire or explosion
8 in their respective jurisdiction by which property has been
9 destroyed or damaged, especially to ascertain whether it was
10 caused by carelessness or design.