

HOUSE No. 1204

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of the Boston Fire Fighters Local 718 and Kevin W. Fitzgerald relative to the admission and tuition payments of police officers and fire fighters in higher educational institutions of the Commonwealth. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EDUCATION OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS.

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 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
- 2 Section 33B.
- 3 Section 33B. A state university shall admit as a candidate for a
- 4 degree any person who is a member of a police department or fire
- 5 department in the commonwealth that is within commuting dis-
- 6 tance of the university. The police officer or fire fighter shall
- 7 demonstrate sufficient capacity to complete the program that he or
- 8 she is enrolled in. While enrolled, said police officer or fire
- 9 fighter shall have his or her tuition paid by the commonwealth.

