HB2085 - An Act establishing an emergency equipment grant program for firefighters

Sponsor: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Refiles: HB2116 (2013-2014) **no position**
Summary: Adds a new section to GL 6A to require the EOPPS Secretary, in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal, the Fire Chiefs' Association and the Professional Firefighters union, to annually promulgate a listing of new devices and technologies that are considered vital to the health and safety of firefighters; said list shall include the value of the equipment and the number of pieces of equipment recommended based on population served; requires all local Fire Chiefs to annually audit their departments relative to the equipment recommended; requires the EOPPS Secretary to recommend an appropriation to the legislature sufficient to fund any deficiencies; authorizes the Secretary to make grants to local fire departments for the purpose of upgrading their equipment.
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2087 - An Act relative to appointment procedures for the State Fire Marshall

Sponsor: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Refiles: HB2118 (2013-2014) **no position**
Summary: Establishes that the State Fire Marshall be appointed by the Governor, consistent with appointments made under GL 6:17A relative to the appointment of cabinet positions.
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2088 - An Act relative to the Department of Fire Services Commission

Sponsor: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Refiles: HB2119 (2013-2014) **no position**
Summary: Establishes the composition of the 7-members of the Department of Fire Services Commission, appointed by the Governor for a term to coincide with that of the Commonwealth's Constitutional Offices. (No general or session laws cited).
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2089 - An Act relative to enhanced fire protection in new one and two family dwellings

Sponsor: Rep. Balser, Ruth (D)
Refiles: HB2121 (2013-2014) **Opposed**
Summary: Adds new section 26J to G.L. 148, the statute governing Fire Prevention, to require the installation of automatic sprinklers in new or substantially rehabilitated one and two family dwellings, subject to local acceptance of this provision; exempts the seasonal shutoff of automatic sprinklers done in accordance with the procedures established by the Board of Fire Prevention from the requirements of G.L. 148:27A.
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2095 - An Act to prevent deaths by fire

Sponsor: Rep. Brady, Michael (D)
Refiles: HB2123 (2013-2014) **Opposed**
Summary: Adds new section to GL c. 146 relative to the inspection of boilers, air tanks, and licenses of engineers, firemen, and operators of hoisting machinery, to require all newly constructed one and two family residential dwellings to include an automatic standalone fire sprinkler system; defines such system.
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2096 - An Act relative to the possession of dangerous open flame devices

Sponsor: Rep. Brady, Michael (D)
Refiles: HB2175 (2013-2014) **no position**

Summary: Amends GL 148 by adding a section punishing the sale, keeping or possession of any unmanned free-floating device, which directly or indirectly uses an open flame as the means of propulsion, or otherwise contains an open flame therein when released, by 30 days in the house of correction or a fine up to $500, plus restitution for any cost of extinguishment .

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2097 - An Act requiring carbon monoxide alarms in all residential, governmental and commercial structures

Sponsor: Rep. Brodeur, Paul (D)

Refiles: HB2124 (2013-2014) **Opposed**

Summary: Amends GL 148:26F½ relative to carbon monoxide alarms to expand the requirement for carbon monoxide alarms to include all buildings, not just those occupied for residential purposes.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2108 - An Act pertaining to firefighter training

Sponsor: Rep. Collins, Nicholas (D)

Refiles: ( ) **New bill**

Summary: Amends provisions of GL 165:6 relative to the Massachusetts Fire Training Council to require the training standards to reflect the individual needs of communities "as far as target hazards and local needs dictate"; if disputes concerning standards are not resolved between individual communities and the MFTC, the standards of the National Fire Protection Association standards are to apply. Regardless, a local fire training academy is to have the authority to certify firefighting personnel if it meets the National Fire Protection Association standards.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2109 - An Act relative to the installation of approved smoke detectors in certain residential buildings and structures

Sponsor: Rep. Collins, Nicholas (D)

Refiles: SB1128 (2013-2014) **Opposed**

Summary: Amends provisions of GL 148:26D relative to approved monitored battery power smoke detectors by striking out the definitions section and replacing it with substantive law. The substantive law requires that Smoke detectors must have an operable ten-year, sealed battery power source and must be capable of producing an alarm signal for at least four continuous minutes. Further, and without regard to the date of construction, every existing 1 or 2 family building or structure and every existing building or structure containing more than 1 but fewer than 6 dwelling units, when sold or transferred, be equipped by the seller with approved smoke detectors in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations. The rules and regulations of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations may require the upgrade, installation or replacement of smoke detector devices based upon advances in smoke detection technology, with the grandfathering of certain buildings constructed prior to January 1, 1975.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2110 - An Act relative to the installation of approved smoke detectors in certain residential buildings and structures

Sponsor: Rep. Collins, Nicholas (D)

Refiles: HB2155 (2013-2014) **Opposed**

Summary: Amends GL 148:10A and 26D and repeals 148:26E and 26F to require that, upon sale or transfer of a 1 or 2 family building or structure or an existing building or structure with 1 to 6 dwelling units, occupied in whole or in part for residential purposes, be equipped by the seller with approved smoke detectors in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board of fire prevention regulations; and authorizes the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations to require, with certain exceptions, the upgrade, installation or replacement of smoke detector devices based upon advances in smoke detection technology.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2111 - An Act creating a special commission studying cutting, welding and hot work

processes regulated by the State Fire Code

Sponsor: Rep. Collins, Nicholas (D)
Refiles: SB2323 (2013-2014) **no position**
Summary: Establishes a special commission to study the current requirements for licenses and permits for cutting, welding and other hot work processes involving burning or similar operations capable of initiating fires or explosions to determine if the state fire code adequately protects the safety of the public and first responders; provides for the membership of the commission and more specific matters that the commission is to study; and requires that the commission submit its report by June 1, 2015.
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2112 - An Act relative to fire safety

Sponsor: Rep. Coppinger, Edward (D)
Refiles: HB2130 (2013-2014) **no position**
Summary: Amends several definitions in GL 146:81; adds service, testing, maintenance and inspection to the responsibilities of sprinkler fitters and apprentices; adds service and testing to the responsibilities of fire protection sprinkler contractors; makes the definition of sprinkler fitter/journeyman sprinkler fitter apply to persons employed by licensed fire sprinkler contractors.
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2114 - An Act relative to the updating of fire safety laws in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Sponsor: Rep. Coppinger, Edward (D) **New bill**
Summary: Amends the provisions of GL 146:81 relative to fire protection sprinkler systems to update the definition, primarily making what appear to be technical changes; adds a new definition for "work on a fire sprinkler system" to include the onsite layout, onsite fabrication, and practices concerning the construction, installation, alteration, or extension of fire suppression systems, modification, repair, and initial acceptance testing.
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2117 - An Act relative to novelty sparklers

Sponsor: Rep. Cutler, Josh (D)
Refiles: HB3262 (2013-2014) **no position**
Summary: Amends GL 148:39 to legalize the possession, use and sale of sparklers and other non-explosive, non-aerial, hand held or ground based sparkling devices, snake and glow worms, smoke devices and trick noisemakers (including party poppers, snappers and drop pops), provided that these items contain less than a specified amount of pyrotechnic mixture.
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2124 - An Act relative to propane detectors

Sponsor: Rep. Dooley, Shawn (R)
Summary: No Summary **New bill**
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2125 - An Act related to state fire code enforcement reporting

Sponsor: Rep. Durant, Peter (R)
Refiles: HB2141 (2013-2014) **No position**
Summary: Amends G.L. 148:2 to require local code enforcement officers to notify the local fire marshal or head of the local fire department within 15 days of the issuance of a citation for a violation of the state fire code.
Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2131 - An Act relative to the sale and use of fireworks

Sponsor: Rep. Garry, Colleen (D) **New bill**
Summary: Authorizes the sale and use of fireworks for persons who have received a permit to do so. In particular, establishes a new State Fire Marshal Fireworks Fund on the books of the

Commonwealth, and finances it in part through a $25 firework permit fee, as well as fines, leases, gifts, grants, interest earned on any monies in the fund; legalizes, at local option, the use and possession of fireworks for personal use; prohibits the sale or use of fireworks by anybody under the age of 18; makes any permit to use fireworks nontransferable; makes it a misdemeanor to use and possess fireworks without having the proper permit and being of the proper age.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2139 - An Act relative to novelty sparklers

Sponsor: Rep. Hill, Bradford (R)

Refiles: HB3262 (2013-2014) **no position**

Summary: Amends GL 148:39 to legalize the possession, use and sale of sparklers and other non-explosive, non-aerial, hand held or ground based sparkling devices, snake and glow worms, smoke devices and trick noisemakers (including party poppers, snappers and drop pops), provided that these items contain less than a specified amount of pyrotechnic mixture.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2141 - An Act pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism

Sponsor: Rep. Hunt, Dan (D)

Refiles: HB2176 (2013-2014) **No position**

Summary: Adds new section 42B to GL 48 , the statute governing Fires, Fire Departments and Fire Districts, to prohibit a person from being appointed a fire chief unless said person has been a uniformed member of a firefighting force of a fire department for a minimum of ten years.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2143 - An Act relative to fire protection systems for buildings and structures

Sponsor: Rep. Kafka, Louis (D)

Refiles: HB2153 (2013-2014) **Opposed**

Summary: Amends GL 6, 143 and 148 in several sections to rename the automatic sprinkler appeals board the fire protection and life safety systems board; provides that the provisions of the fire safety code apply to all buildings and structures in the Commonwealth, except the State House; exempts buildings for which a building permit was issued before January 1, 2012 from the provisions of this Act; adds new definitions of "Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems" and "Fire Safety Code" to the statute; transfers regulation and inspection of fire safety code matters from the Board of State Building Regulations to the Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems Board.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2156 - An Act requiring carbon monoxide alarms in schools

Sponsor: Rep. Mark, Paul (D)

Refiles: HB2168 (2013-2014) **No position found**

Summary: Amends 148:26F½ to mandate that any structure used in whole or in part as a school which is subject to the authority of the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education and which either: (1) contains any fossil-fuel burning equipment; or (2) incorporates enclosed parking within the structure be equipped with carbon monoxide alarms.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2178 - An Act relative to fire safety in buildings owned or operated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Sponsor: Rep. Speliotis, Theodore (D)

Refiles: HB2193 (2013-2014) **No position**

Summary: Adds new provisions to GL c.148 relative to fire prevention to require that every building owned or controlled by the Commonwealth conform to all fire safety standards, including any local option laws; the Fire Marshal is to enforce these provisions and is authorized to resolve any disputes or appeals.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB2186 - An Act relative to standards and qualifications for the position of fire chief or chief

engineer in cities, towns, fire districts, or authorities

Sponsor: Rep. Toomey, Timothy (D)

Refiles: HB2197 (2013-2014) **No position**

Summary: Adds a new section 165C to GL Chapter 6 to provide that no person will be qualified to hold the position of fire chief or chief engineer unless certified by the Massachusetts Fire Service Commission. Further directs the commission in GL 6:165B to create standards for certification that are guided by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council and consider years of service, training, criminal history, character, and fitness.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

HB3475 - An Act relative to fire protection systems for buildings and structures

Sponsor: Rep. Cullinane, Daniel (D) **new bill, looks like HB2153 from last session we opposed**

Summary: **Curt's summary removes fire protect, suppression for mgl 143 to 148,**

Status: Filed in the House (FILE/H)

SB1249 - An Act relative to the installation of approved smoke detectors in certain residential buildings and structures

Sponsor: Sen. Donnelly, Kenneth (D) **looks like HB210 we oppose**

Summary: Repeals the requirements of GL 148:26E and 26F which require residential buildings to have smoke detectors, and to have them as well when a building is sold, and GL 148:26D which establishes definitions for those sections. In its place it reintroduces the requirement of smoke detectors for 1 or 2 unit residential buildings, but with technical and grammatical changes; the bill does not reintroduce, however, the requirements for inspection of smoke detectors when a home is sold.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

SB1278 - Resolve Providing for Investigating Construction Practices and Their Impact on Firefighter Deaths

Sponsor: Sen. Kennedy, Thomas (D)

Refiles: SB1141 (2013-2014) **No position**

Summary: Establishes a nine member special commission to investigate the use of manufactured wood products and light weight wood frame truss assemblies in relation to the inordinate number of firefighter deaths and injuries associated with this construction type; specifies the qualifications of the members of said commission; specifies several areas of investigation by the commission; requires the commission to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

SB1284 - An Act relative to window guards in residential rental properties

Sponsor: Sen. Montigny, Mark (D) **New bill**

Summary: Adds new provisions to GL c.143 relative to elevator and building inspections requiring the installation of window guards in residential rental properties. In particular, the requirements apply to any multiple-dwelling building in which any child age 10 years or younger resides, in which buildings window guards must be installed. Window guards must be installed in the rental units and in common areas, and tenants must be provided with notices relative to their rights to window guard installation. Civil fines of up to a $5,000 for a violation not remedied within 10 business days may be levied by the Department of Public Safety on landlords.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

SB1292 - An Act relative to fire safety

Sponsor: Sen. Petruccelli, Anthony (D)

Refiles: HB2130 (2013-2014) **No position**

Summary: Amends several definitions in GL 146:81; adds service, testing, maintenance and inspection to the responsibilities of sprinkler fitters and apprentices; adds service and testing to the responsibilities of fire protection sprinkler contractors; makes the definition of sprinkler fitter/journeyman sprinkler fitter apply to persons employed by licensed fire sprinkler contractors.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

SB1306 - An Act relative to the Massachusetts Military Reservation Fire Department

Sponsor: Sen. Timilty, James (D) **new bill**

Summary: Amends provisions of SL 2008:308, which established the Massachusetts Military Reservation Fire Department and allowed certain of the employees to unionize, by now including shift commanders among the employees that are allowed to unionize.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

SB1308 - An Act changing the composition of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations

Sponsor: Sen. Timilty, James (D) **new bill support**

Summary: Expands the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations established in GL 22D:4 by adding the Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee to the Board.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

SB1322 - An Act relative to automatic sprinkler systems

Sponsor: Sen. Timilty, James (D) **new bill support**

Summary: Moves the requirements relative to automatic sprinkler systems being required for buildings and structures totaling more than 7, 500 gross square feet from the chapter on fire services to the chapter on building inspections, and makes the local building commissioner instead of the local fire chief responsible for inspections and enforcement.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)

SB1324 - An Act relative to the issuance of uniform firefighter identification cards

Sponsor: Sen. Timilty, James (D)

Refiles: SB1193 (2013-2014) **No position**

Summary: Inserts a new section, s.90, into MGL c. 48, requiring municipalities to issue to all their full-time firefighters an ID card bearing the holder's photo and identifying data; holders must carry the ID cards at all times and show them upon lawful request; and the Secretary of Public Safety and Security, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, may adopt regulations relative to the form, content, issuance and carrying of these ID cards.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)