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RE: SB 395

May 31, 2007

Dear Chairs Jehlen and Correia

The Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts has reviewed SB 395, An Act to Promote Fire Safe Multiple Dwelling Residences for Elders, Infirm, and Ailing. We do endorse efforts to improve fire safety within assisted living facilities, and are encouraged to see these facilities included within SB 395. The residents of these facilities are often incapable of self evacuation and need a high level of protection from fire. Certainly the built environment, including a well designed fire protection sprinkler system; integrated fire and smoke detection and alarm systems; and fire safe construction methods; will go a long way to providing the needed protection.

Please accept our support for the portion of your legislation that impacts Assisted Living Facilities and understand we are unable to lend our support to the remainder of SB 395.

Respectfully:

Kenneth R. Willette  
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