# HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 2437

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

### *John Barrett, III*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the town of Hancock to allow firefighters and police to continue serving past age 65.

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PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| *John Barrett, III* | *1st Berkshire* | *1/13/2023* |

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By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2437) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) that the town of Hancock be authorized to allow firefighters and police officers to continue serving, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

### [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
### SEE HOUSE, NO. *5077* OF 2021-2022.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

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An Act authorizing the town of Hancock to allow firefighters and police to continue serving past age 65.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Town of

2   Hancock fire fighters and police chief may continue in such positions until the age of 70,

3   provided, however, that they are mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of

4   such position. The Selectmen may require them to be examined by an impartial physician to

5   determine such capability. The fire fighters' and police chief's employment shall continue until

6   the reach age 70, or their non-reappointment or termination, whichever occurs first.

7       SECTION 2. The provisions of this law shall not entitle any firefighter or police chief to

8   remain in the service to the Town of Hancock if removed or suspended from the office.

9          SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.