

SENATE No. 1653

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

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 appointment of special police officers in the town of Charlton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ryan C. Fattman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Hampden

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1653) of Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the appointment of special police officers in the town of Charlton. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 3172 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Charlton.

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. The chief of police of the town of Charlton may appoint, if the chief deems
2 necessary, individuals with a law enforcement background as special police officers for the
3 purpose of performing police details or any other police duties arising from or during the course
4 of police detail work, whether or not related to the detail work. Prior to appointment under this
5 act, a special police officer shall pass a medical examination conducted by a physician or other
6 certified professional chosen by the town to determine that the special police officer is capable of
7 performing the essential duties of a special police officer, the cost of which shall be borne by the
8 special police officer.

9 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other
10 general or special law to the contrary, a special police officer appointed pursuant to this act shall

11 not be subject to the maximum age restrictions applied to regular officers under chapter 32 of the
12 General Laws; provided, however, that a special police officer appointed pursuant to this act
13 shall not be eligible to serve as a special police officer upon reaching the age of 70.

14 SECTION 3. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to the
15 limitation on hours worked and other restrictions on earnings as provided in paragraph (b) of
16 section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

17 SECTION 4. Special police officers shall be subject to the rules and regulations, policies,
18 procedures and requirements of the chief of police of the town of Charlton including, but not
19 limited to, restrictions on the type of detail assignments, requirements regarding medical
20 examinations to determine continuing capability to perform the duties of a special police officer,
21 requirements for training, requirements for firearms licensing and qualifications and
22 requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Such special police officers shall comply with
23 all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and
24 good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and
25 (ii) complying with all annual in-service and other training requirements mandated by the
26 municipal police training committee.

27 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.