

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1665**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Feeney***

*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 exempting the city of Attleboro from the provisions of chapter 31 of the General Laws as they concern the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>7/9/2023</i>

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1665) of Paul R. Feeney (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt the city of Attleboro from the provisions of chapter 31 of the General Laws as they concern the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2653 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act exempting the city of Attleboro from the provisions of chapter 31 of the General Laws as they concern the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers.

*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 the provisions of any general or special law or rule to the  
2 contrary, the City of Attleboro shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws concerning  
3 the recruiting and hiring for the position of permanent full-time police officer; furthermore,  
4 following (1) an original appointment as a permanent full-time police officer and graduation  
5 from a police academy, or (2) a permanent full-time position transfer from another police  
6 department, said police officer shall engage in the actual performance of the duties of such  
7 position for a probationary period of twelve (12) months; whereupon after completion of the  
8 probationary period, or extended probationary period, the police officer shall be considered a  
9 full-time tenured civil service employee in said position under chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.