

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4012**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 Dracut.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2016</i>

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4012) of Colleen M. Garry (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of special police officers in the town of Dracut. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

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

*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. Section 1 of chapter 48 of the acts of 2010 is hereby amended by striking  
2 out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Special police  
3 officers shall not be subject to the same maximum age restrictions as applied to regular police  
4 officers under chapter 32 of the General Laws, but shall not be eligible to serve as special police  
5 officers if they have reached the age of 68; provided, however, that in the event the maximum  
6 age restriction applicable to regular police officers serving a town is increased from the current  
7 65 years of age and beyond reaching the age of 68, special police officers shall be eligible to  
8 serve until they reach the maximum age allowable for regular police officers under said chapter  
9 32; and provided further, that no special police officer shall be eligible to serve beyond reaching  
10 the age of 70.

11           SECTION 2. Section 4 of said chapter 48 is hereby amended by adding the following  
12 sentence:- A special police officer’s appointment shall automatically terminate upon the officer’s

13 sixty-eighth birthday, unless the special police officer is eligible to serve until a higher age as  
14 provided in section 1.

15 SECTION 3. Section 7 of said chapter 48 is hereby amended by striking out the fourth  
16 and fifth sentences and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Payments under said  
17 section 111F of said chapter 41 shall terminate at the conclusion of the appointment period or  
18 when a special police officer reaches the age of 68, whichever occurs sooner; provided, however,  
19 that if the special police officer is eligible to serve until a higher age as provided in section 1,  
20 benefits under said section 111F of said chapter 41 shall terminate at the conclusion of the  
21 appointment period or when the special police officer reaches the higher age limit.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.