

HOUSE No. 4527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy

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 relative to special police officers in the city known as the town of Weymouth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/14/2016</i>
<i>Ronald Mariano</i>	<i>3rd Norfolk</i>	<i>7/14/2016</i>
<i>Patrick O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>7/14/2016</i>

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4527) of James M. Murphy, Ronald Mariano and Patrick M. O'Connor (with the approval of the mayor and town council) relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city known as the town of Weymouth. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to special police officers in the city known as the town of Weymouth.

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 in the Town of Weymouth, as the appointing authority,
2 may appoint as (s)he deems necessary, special police officers for the purpose of performing
3 Animal Control Officer duties or performing police duties arising from those Animal Control
4 officer duties of when called upon by the Chief or his/her designee. A special police officer may
5 be required to a medical examination by a physician or other certified professional chosen by the
6 town to determine that (s)he is capable of performing the essential duties of a special police
7 officer. Special police officers shall not be eligible to serve if they have reached the age of 70.

8 SECTION 2: Special police officers, appointed under this act, shall not be subject to
9 Chapter 31 of the General Laws or sections 111F of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

10 SECTION 3: Special police officers shall, when performing their duties under Section 1,
11 have the same powers to make arrests and perform other functions as do regular police officers.

12 SECTION 4: Special police officers shall be appointed for an indefinite term, subject to
13 the removal by the Chief of Police of the Town of Weymouth at any time within 14 days written
14 notice. Upon request, the Chief of Police shall provide reasons for removal in writing.

15 SECTION 5: Special police officers shall be subject to the rules, regulations, policies and
16 procedures and requirements of the police department and the Chief of Police in the Town of
17 Weymouth including requirements for training, requirements for firearms licensing and
18 qualification, requirements regarding uniforms and equipment.

19 SECTION 6: Special police officer shall be sworn in before the town clerk of the Town of
20 Weymouth who shall keep a record of all such appointments.

21 SECTION 7: This act shall take effect upon its passage.