

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4488**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jerald A. Parisella and Joan B. Lovely*

*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 city of Beverly to employ Paul Cotter as Fire Chief beyond the statutory requirement age.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	<i>5/8/2018</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>5/8/2018</i>

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By Representative Parisella of Beverly and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4488) of Jerald A. Parisella and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Beverly be authorized to employ Paul Cotter as fire chief, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to employ Paul Cotter as Fire Chief beyond the statutory requirement age.

*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, Paul Cotter may  
2 be appointed and may continue to serve in the position of the Fire Chief of the city of Beverly  
3 Fire Department until the date of his retirement or until the date he is relieved of his duties by the  
4 Mayor, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of  
5 performing the duties of his office. The city of Beverly, at its own expense, may require that Paul  
6 Cotter be examined by an impartial physician designated by the city to determine his mental and  
7 physical capability. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Paul  
8 Cotter under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to March 16, 2019, and  
9 upon retirement, he shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he  
10 would have been entitled had he retired on March 16, 2019.

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