

HOUSE No. 4196

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 27, 2023.

The committee on Public Service to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3865) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of West Stockbridge be authorized to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4196) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

KENNETH I. GORDON.

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

An Act authorizing the town of West Stockbridge to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief.

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, Steven Traver,
2 chief of the fire department of the town of West Stockbridge, may continue to serve in his
3 position, subject to approval by the select board of the town of West Stockbridge, until
4 December 31, 2024, the date of his retirement or the select board votes not to reappoint him to
5 his position, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically
6 capable of performing the duties of his position. The select board may require that Steven Traver
7 be examined by an impartial physician designated by the select board to determine his mental
8 and physical capability. Deductions shall continue to be made from the regular compensation of
9 Steven Traver under chapter 32 of the General Laws, while he is employed as chief of the fire
10 department of the town of West Stockbridge in accordance with all applicable laws.

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