

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1142**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James J. O'Day*

*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 granting policing powers to certain employees at the Worcester Housing Authority.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1142) of James J. O'Day relative to granting policing powers to certain employees at the Worcester Housing Authority. Housing.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to granting policing powers to certain employees at the Worcester Housing Authority.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 22-C of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 Section 70, the following section:

3 Section 71. The colonel may, upon such reasonable terms and conditions as may be  
4 prescribed by him, at the request of the Worcester Housing Authority, appoint as special state  
5 police officers employees of said authority Department of Public Safety as special state police  
6 officers. Such special state police officers shall serve for three years, subject to removal by the  
7 colonel, and they shall have the same power to make arrests as regular police officers for any  
8 criminal offense committed in or upon lands or structures owned, used or occupied by Worcester  
9 Housing Authority clients, and staff. They shall serve without pay, except their regular  
10 compensations as employees of said authority, and they shall receive no fees for services or  
11 return of any criminal process.

12 Each application for appointment as a special state police officer or a renewal thereof  
13 shall be accompanied by a fee, the amount of which shall be determined annually by the  
14 commissioner of administration.

15 The colonel may promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
16 proper standards of skill. Said rules and regulations shall conform to the provisions of chapter  
17 thirty A.