

HOUSE No. 2325

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Heroux

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 pertaining to police and firefighter residency requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2325) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to the residency requirements of municipal police officers and firefighters. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2399 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act pertaining to police and firefighter residency requirements.

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 41 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking Section 99A: Chapter 41
2 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITITES, TOWNS AND DISTRCITS POLICE
3 OFFICERS and by adding the following new section; Chapter 41: Section 99A. Members of
4 regular police or fire department and fire alarm division; residence outside city or town.

5 Section 99A. Any member of the regular police or fire department and fire alarm division
6 of a city or town appointed subsequent to August first, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight shall
7 reside within fifteen miles of the limits of said city or town. Said distance shall be measured from
8 the closest border limits of said city or town in which said member is employed to the closest
9 border limits of the city or town in which said member lives; provided however, if any said city
10 or town by local ordinance or by-law to which the provisions of paragraph (d) of section seven of

11 chapter one hundred and fifty E of the General Laws shall apply, or by collective bargaining
12 agreement shall require the members of a regular police or fire department appointed on or after
13 August first, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight to be residents of such city or town, the
14 provision of such local ordinance, by-law or collective bargaining agreement shall supersede the
15 provision of this section and provided further such local ordinance, by-law or collective
16 bargaining agreement shall apply only to those members of a regular police or fire department
17 appointed subsequent to the adoption of such local ordinance, by-law or collective bargaining
18 agreement.