

HOUSE No. 1917

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Norwood..

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 General Manager of the Town of Norwood may appoint, as he deems
2 necessary, retired Norwood police officers as special police officers for the purpose of
3 performing police details or any police duties arising therefrom or during the course of police
4 detail work, whether or not related to the detail work. Such retired police officers must have been
5 regular Norwood police officers who retired based upon superannuation. The special police
6 officers shall be subject to the same maximum age restriction as applied to regular police officers
7 under Chapter 32 of the General Laws. Such special police officers must pass a medical
8 examination, by a physician or other certified professional chosen by the Town, to determine that
9 they are capable of performing the essential duties of a special police officer, the cost of which
10 shall be borne by the special police officers, prior to performing any police details.

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12 Section 2. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to Chapter
13 31 of the General Laws or to section 99A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

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15 Section 3. Special police officers appointed under this act shall, when performing the
16 duties under Section 1, have the same power to make arrests and to perform other police
17 functions as do regular police officers of the Town of Norwood.

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19 Section 4. Special police officers shall be appointed for an indefinite term, subject to
20 removal by the Police Chief, with the approval of the Norwood General Manager, at any time,
21 upon 14 days written notice. Upon request, the Police Chief shall provide the reasons for such
22 removal in writing.

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24 Section 5. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to the rules and
25 regulations, policies and procedures, and requirements of the Chief of Police of the Town of
26 Norwood, including restrictions on the type of detail assignments, requirements regarding
27 medical examinations to determine continuing capability to perform the duties of a special police
28 officer, requirements for training, requirements for firearms qualifications and licensing, and
29 requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Costs associated with meeting these
30 requirements are to be paid by the special police officer. Special police officers appointed under
31 this act shall not be subject to Section 96B of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

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33 Section 6. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be sworn before the Town
34 Clerk, who shall keep a record of all such appointments.

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Section 7. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to Sections 100 and 111F of Chapter 41 of the General Laws. The amount payable under said Section 111F of said Chapter 41 shall be calculated by averaging the amount earned over the prior 52 weeks as a special police officer working police details, or averaged over such lesser period of time for any officer designated as special police officers less than 52 weeks prior to the incapacity. In no event shall payment under said Section 111F of said Chapter 41 exceed, in any calendar year, the limitation on earnings contained in paragraph (b) of Section 91 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws. Payment under said Section 111F of said Chapter 41 shall terminate when a special police officer reaches the age of 65. In the event the age limitation applicable to regular police officers serving a town is increased from 65 years of age, the termination of benefits under said Section 111F of said Chapter 41, as provided herein to special police officers, shall terminate at such a higher age limit, but in no event shall the benefits extend beyond the age of 70 for any special police officer. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to Section 85H of said Chapter 32, nor eligible for any benefits pursuant thereto.

Section 8. Appointment as a special police officer under this act shall entitle any individual appointed as such to assignment to any detail, as authorized by the Police Chief.

56 Section 9. Retired Norwood police officers, serving as special police officers under this
57 act, shall be subject to the limitations on hours worked and on payments to retired Town
58 employees under paragraph (b) of Section 91 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws.

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60 Section 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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