

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2496**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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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, be amended by striking Section 99A:

2 “CHAPTER 41. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS AND  
3 DISTRICTS

4 POLICE OFFICERS

5 Chapter 41: Section 99A. Members of regular police or fire department and fire alarm  
6 division; residence outside city or town

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

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