

SENATE . . . . . No. 1214

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sal N. DiDomenico

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 age restrictions for veterans applying to be police officers and firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1214) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Paul R. Heroux, Karen E. Spilka and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to age restrictions for veterans applying to be police officers and firefighters. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1285 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to age restrictions for veterans applying to be police officers and firefighters.

*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 58A of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in its place thereof  
3 the following section:-

4           Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, in any city,  
5 town or district that accepts this section, no person shall be eligible to have his name certified for  
6 original appointment to the position of firefighter or police officer if such person has reached his  
7 thirty-second birthday on the date of the entrance examination.

8           Notwithstanding the first sentence, a veteran who has not exceeded the maximum age set  
9 forth in 10 U.S.C. 505(a) for original enlistment in the Armed Forces of the United States shall  
10 be exempt from the age restriction imposed by this section.