

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2045**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**

An Act relative to the Police Department of the University of Massachusetts.

*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. Section 50 of chapter 22C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph.

3           SECTION 2. Chapter 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
4 32A, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following 2  
5 sections:-

6           Section 32A. The trustees shall make rules and regulations for the control, movement  
7 and parking of vehicles on the campus of the university and on other land of the university, and  
8 may provide reasonable penalties for the violation of those rules and regulations. The trustees  
9 may appoint as police officers persons employed by the university, who in the enforcement of  
10 these rules and regulations and throughout university property shall have the powers of police  
11 officers, except as to service of civil process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all  
12 fines and penalties recovered for violation of rules and regulations made under the authority of  
13 this section shall be accounted for by the clerk of the court and forwarded to the trustees of the  
14 university to be deposited in the scholarship trust fund of the university for scholarship purposes.

15           Police officers appointed by the trustees of the University of Massachusetts in connection  
16 with the operation of any part of the university within the limits of the campuses may perform  
17 police duties under the direction of the commanding officer or the person in charge of such  
18 campus. While performing such duties within those limits, the police officers shall have the  
19 same authority, immunities and privileges as duly appointed and qualified police officers acting  
20 elsewhere in the commonwealth. Every officer who receives an appointment to a position on a  
21 full-time basis in which that person will exercise police powers for any of the campuses of the  
22 University of Massachusetts, shall, prior to exercising those police powers, be assigned to and

23 satisfactorily complete a prescribed course of study approved by the municipal police training  
24 committee or the department of the state police.

25           Section 32B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any campus of  
26 the University of Massachusetts may enter into an agreement with any sub-division of the federal  
27 or state government, town, city or other towns and cities, including towns and cities in states  
28 contiguous to the commonwealth, to provide mutual aid programs for police departments to  
29 increase the capability of such departments to protect the lives, safety and property of the people  
30 in the area designated in the agreement. The agreement may include the furnishing of personal  
31 services, supplies, materials, contractual services and equipment when the resources normally  
32 available to the University or any municipality in the agreement are not sufficient to cope with a  
33 situation which requires police action. When providing such mutual aide, police officers shall  
34 have all the immunities and powers granted to them by the University or the municipalities that  
35 employ them including, but not limited to, the same duties, authority, immunities and privileges  
36 as a duly appointed and qualified police officers acting as such in the municipality.

37           SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
38 amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-  
39 For the purposes of this section, each of the campuses of the University of Massachusetts at  
40 Amherst , Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and Worcester shall be considered a town.

41           SECTION 4. Nothing in the act shall interfere with or amend any mutual aid agreements  
42 currently in place under chapter 348 of the acts of 2004.