

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2325**

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**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)**  
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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, 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.