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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 2339, "An Act Authorizing the Appointment of Retired Police Officers as Special Police Officers in the City of Boston."

The United States Department of Labor has alerted my administration that if this bill as written were to become law, Massachusetts unemployment insurance law would no longer conform to federal requirements.

I strongly support the goals of this legislation and believe that it would contribute to public safety in the City of Boston. Ordinarily, I would suggest an amendment to ensure that this bill could become law without jeopardizing our federal certification. However, I am advised that under the Home Rule Amendment, the Legislature may not amend this bill, other than for clerical or editorial changes of form only as requested by the City when it sought this legislation. Out of respect for the Home Rule process, I must therefore respectfully return House Bill No. 2339 unsigned.

Should the City petition for an amended version of this legislation that addresses the concerns of the United States Department of Labor, I would urge your prompt and favorable consideration of that legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles D. Baker, *Governor*.