

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2586**

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 authorizing the Town of Hardwick to continue the employment of fire chief Raymond Walker.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*

*Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.*

*5th Worcester*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2586**

---

By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2586) of Anne M. Gobi and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the Town of Hardwick to continue the employment of fire chief Raymond Walker. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act authorizing the Town of Hardwick to continue the employment of fire chief Raymond Walker.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Raymond  
2 Walker, Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Hardwick, may continue to serve in such  
3 position until December 21, 2023, until the date of his retirement, or until the date he is relieved  
4 of his duties by the Board of Selectmen, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is  
5 mentally and physically capable of performing the essential duties of his office. The Board of  
6 Selectmen may, at its own expense, require that Raymond Walker be examined by an impartial  
7 physician designated by them to determine such capability. No further deductions shall be made  
8 from the regular compensation of Raymond Walker under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for  
9 any service subsequent to the Chief reaching age 65.

10           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.