

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1585**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 Groveland to continue the employment of Joseph Santapaola as Fire Lieutenant/EMT.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Lenny Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1585) of Bruce E. Tarr and Lenny Mirra (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Groveland to continue the employment of Joseph Santapaola as Fire Lieutenant/EMT. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2689 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Groveland to continue the employment of Joseph Santapaola as Fire Lieutenant/EMT.

*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 Chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or  
2 special law, Joseph Santapaola, a member of the Groveland Fire Department, may continue in  
3 service beyond the age of 65; provided, however, that Santapaola remains physically and  
4 mentally capable of performing the duties of fire fighter. In no event shall Santapaola remain in  
5 service beyond the age of 70.

6           SECTION 2. The town of Groveland may require, at its discretion, that Santapaola  
7 undergo examination(s) by impartial physician(s) designated by the town, to determine his  
8 fitness to remain in service. Such examination(s) shall be at the expense of Santapaola.

9           SECTION 3. No further deductions shall be made from Santapaola's regular  
10 compensation under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service performed subsequent to  
11 reaching age 65. Upon the retirement of such permanent or call fire fighter, he shall receive a  
12 superannuation retirement allowance equal to that to which he would have been entitled had he  
13 retired upon reaching age 65, if any.

14           SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not entitle any permanent or call fire fighter  
15 to remain in service to the town of Groveland if otherwise removed or suspended from office in  
16 accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

17           SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.