

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1591**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Walter F. Timilty*

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*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 relative to eligibility to become a firefighter or police officer.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Walter F. Timilty*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1591) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to eligibility to become a firefighter or police officer. Public Service.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to eligibility to become a firefighter or police officer.

*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 26 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the seventh paragraph and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4           Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or of any other law, a son or  
5 daughter of a firefighter, police officer or correction officer who passes the required written and  
6 physical examination for entrance to the fire, police or correction service or a son or daughter of  
7 a firefighter who passes the required written and physical examination for appointment as a fire  
8 alarm operator shall have his or her name placed in the first position on the eligible list or, where  
9 applicable, in the first position on the reserve roster for appointment to such fire, police or  
10 correction service or fire alarm service if the death of the firefighter, police officer or correction  
11 officer resulted in an award of benefits pursuant to section 100A of chapter 32.

12           SECTION 2. The provisions of section 26 of chapter 31, as amended by section 1, shall  
13   apply to all appointments made from eligible lists promulgated by the administrator after the  
14   effective date of this act.