

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4998

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 11, 2022.

The committee on Public Service to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4842) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Dedham be authorized to continue the employment of William Spillane as chief of the fire department of said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4998) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

KENNETH I. GORDON.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act authorizing the town of Dedham to continue the employment of William Spillane as Chief of the Fire Department.

*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. (a) Notwithstanding chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or  
2 special law to the contrary, William Spillane, chief of the town of Dedham fire department, may  
3 continue in service beyond the age of 65; provided, however, that William Spillane remains  
4 physically and mentally capable of performing the duties of fire chief; and provided, further, that  
5 William Spillane shall not remain in service beyond the age of 68. The town of Dedham may  
6 require William Spillane to undergo an examination, at the expense of the town, by an impartial  
7 physician designated by the town to determine his fitness to remain in service. This act shall not  
8 entitle William Spillane, chief of the fire department, to remain in service to the town of Dedham  
9 if otherwise removed or suspended from office in accordance with applicable laws, rules and  
10 regulations.

11           (b) No further deductions shall be made from William Spillane’s regular compensation  
12 under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service performed subsequent to reaching the age

13 of 65. Upon his retirement, he shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that  
14 which he would have been entitled had he retired upon reaching age 65, if any.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage or take any other action relative  
16 thereto.