

HOUSE No. 5369

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian M. Ashe

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 Hampden to continue employment of fire department member Peter Hatch.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>10/17/2022</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>10/18/2022</i>

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By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5369) of Brian M. Ashe and Eric P. Lesser (by vote of the town) that the town of Hampden be authorized to continue the employment of Peter Hatch, a member of the fire department of said town. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Hampden to continue employment of fire department member Peter Hatch.

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, Peter Hatch, a
2 member of the fire department of the town of Hampden, may continue to serve in such position
3 until the age of 70, the date of his retirement or non-reappointment or the date he is relieved of
4 his duties by the town, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and
5 physically capable of performing the duties of his office; and provided further, that the town
6 may, at its own expense, require that Firefighter Hatch be examined by an impartial physician
7 designated by the town to determine such capability. No deductions shall be made from the
8 regular compensation of Firefighter Hatch pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws for any
9 service subsequent to his reaching the age of 65 in connection with his service to the town for
10 retirement or pension purposes and, upon retirement, Firefighter Hatch shall receive a

11 superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he
12 retired at age 65.

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