

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2714**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kate Lipper-Garabedian***

*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 allowing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2021</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>5/17/2021</i>

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By Mrs. Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2714) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Donald H. Wong (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5147 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act allowing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers.

*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. Chapter 458 of the acts of 2004 is hereby amended by striking out section 1  
2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:- Section 1. The town administrator of the  
3 town of Wakefield may appoint, as the town administrator deems necessary, retired Wakefield  
4 police officers as special police officers for the purpose of performing police details or any  
5 police duties arising therefrom or during the course of police detail work, whether or not related  
6 to the detail work. The retired police officers shall have been regular Wakefield police officers  
7 and retired based on superannuation. Special police officers shall not be subject to the same  
8 maximum age restrictions as applied to regular Wakefield police officers under chapter 32 of the  
9 General Laws, but shall not be eligible to serve as special police officers if they have reached the

10 age of 68. A special police officer shall pass a medical examination by a physician or other  
11 certified professional chosen by the town to determine that the officer is capable of performing  
12 the essential duties of a special police officer, the costs of which shall be borne by the special  
13 police officer, prior to performing police details.

14 SECTION 2. Said chapter 458 of the acts of 2004 is hereby further amended by striking  
15 out section 7 and inserting in place thereof the following section:- Section 7. Special police  
16 officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to sections 100 and 111F of chapter 41 of  
17 the General Laws. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to section  
18 85H of chapter 32 of the General Laws nor eligible for any benefits pursuant thereto.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.