

SENATE No. 2589

Senate, December 20, 2021 -- Substituted by amendment by the Senate (Senator Velis) as a new draft for Senate, No. 1369.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regulating special police officers in the city known as the town of Agawam.

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 1 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2002 is hereby amended by adding the
2 following 3 sentences:- No special police officer shall be appointed or continue to be employed
3 as a special police officer after attaining the age of 70. A special police officer appointed under
4 this act, upon initial appointment and every year after attaining the age of 65, shall pass an
5 annual medical examination conducted by a physician or other certified professional chosen by
6 the city to determine that the special police officer is capable of performing the essential duties
7 of a special police officer, the costs of which shall be borne by the special police officer. Proof of
8 payment shall be a pre-requisite of appointment.

9 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 80 is hereby amended by adding the following 2
10 sentences:- Special police officers shall be subject to rules and regulations, policies and
11 procedures and requirements as set by the chief of police, including, but not limited to,
12 restrictions on the type of detail assignments, requirements regarding medical examinations to
13 determine continuing capability to perform the duties of a special police officer, requirements for

14 training, requirements for firearms licensing and qualifications and requirements regarding
15 uniforms and equipment. The cost of all training, equipment and uniforms shall be borne by the
16 special police officer.

17 SECTION 3. The second sentence of section 3 of said chapter 80 is hereby amended by
18 inserting after the word “city” the following word:- clerk.

19 SECTION 4. Section 4 of said chapter 80 is hereby amended by inserting after the word
20 “retired” the following words:- for superannuation.

21 SECTION 5. Section 5 of said chapter 80 is hereby amended by inserting after the word
22 “Laws” the following words:- , sections 96B, 99A, 100 or 111F of chapter 41 of the General
23 Laws or chapter 150E of the General Laws. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act
24 shall not be subject to sections 85H or 85H ½ of chapter 32 of the General Laws nor eligible for
25 benefits pursuant to those sections.