

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2876**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Rowley.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*First Essex and Middlesex*

*Jamie Zahlaway Belsito*

*4th Essex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2876) of Bruce E. Tarr and Jamie Zahlaway Belsito (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Rowley. Public Service. [Local approval received]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Rowley.

*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. The Board of Selectmen of the town of Rowley may appoint, as they deem  
2 necessary, retired police officers as special police officers for the purpose of performing police  
3 details or any other police duties whether or not related to detail work; provided however that  
4 such retired police officers shall have been regular police officers who retired based upon  
5 superannuation. These special police officers shall be subject to the same maximum age  
6 restriction as applied to regular police officers under chapter 32 of the General Laws. Prior to  
7 appointment, retired police officers shall pass a medical examination conducted by a physician or  
8 other certified professional chosen by the town, to determine whether such officers are capable  
9 of performing the essential duties of a special police officer and the cost thereof shall be borne  
10 by the retired officers.

11 SECTION 2. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to  
12 chapter 31 of the General Laws or to section 99A of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

13 SECTION 3. Special police officers appointed under this act shall, when performing the  
14 duties under section 1, have the same power to make arrests and to perform other police  
15 functions as do regular police officers of the town of Rowley.

16 SECTION 4. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be deemed  
17 members of any collective bargaining unit. Special police officers appointed under this act shall  
18 be appointed for an indefinite term, subject to removal by the police chief, with the approval of  
19 the Board of Selectmen, at any time, upon 14 days written notice. Upon request, the police chief  
20 shall provide the reasons for such removal in writing.

21 SECTION 5. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to the rules  
22 and regulations, policies and procedures and requirements of the chief of police and the Board of  
23 Selectmen of the town of Rowley, including restrictions on the type of assignments,  
24 requirements regarding medical examinations to determine continuing capability to perform the  
25 duties of a special police officer, requirements for training, requirements for firearms  
26 qualifications and licensing and requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Costs  
27 associated with meeting these requirements are to be paid by the special police officers. Special  
28 police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to section 96B of chapter 41 of the  
29 General Laws.

30 SECTION 6. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be sworn before the  
31 town clerk, who shall keep a record of all such appointments.

32 SECTION 7. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to sections  
33 100 and 111F of chapter 41 of the General Laws. The amount payable under said section 111F of  
34 said chapter 41 shall be calculated by averaging the amount earned over the prior 52 weeks as a  
35 special police officer working police details, or averaged over such lesser period of time for any  
36 officer designated as a special police officer less than 52 weeks prior to the incapacity. The  
37 payment under said section 111F of said chapter 41 shall not exceed, in any calendar year, the  
38 limitation on earnings contained in paragraph (b) of section 91 of chapter 32 of the General  
39 Laws. Payment under said section 111F of said chapter 41 shall terminate when special police  
40 officers reach the age of 65. In the event the age limitation applicable to regular police officers  
41 serving a town is increased from 65 years of age, the termination of benefits under said section  
42 111F of said chapter 41, as provided herein to special police officers, shall terminate at such a  
43 higher age limit but shall not extend beyond the age of 70 for any special police officer. Special  
44 police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to section 85H of said chapter 32 nor  
45 shall they be eligible for any benefits pursuant thereto.

46 SECTION 8. An appointment as a special police officer under this act shall not entitle  
47 any individual appointed as such to assignment to any detail.

48 SECTION 9. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to the  
49 limitations on hours worked and on payments to retired town employees under paragraph (b) of  
50 section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

51 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.