

HOUSE No. 3988

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark

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 Charlemont to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>6/27/2023</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>	<i>7/6/2023</i>

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3988) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Charlemont be authorized to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act authorizing the town of Charlemont to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear.

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, Dennis Annear
2 a member of the Charlemont Fire Department, may continue to serve in their position until they
3 reach 68 years of age, the date of their retirement or the date they are removed or suspended
4 from office in accordance with applicable laws, rules or regulations, whichever occurs first;
5 provided, however, that they remain physically and mentally capable of performing the duties of
6 the position. If requested, Dennis Annear shall, at the expense of the Town of Charlemont, be
7 examined by an impartial physician designated by the Town of Charlemont to determine such
8 capability. No deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Dennis Annear
9 pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to enactment.

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