

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4291

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 29, 2024.

The committee on Public Service to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3843) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Deerfield be authorized to continue the employment of police department members Michael W. Habel, Robert A Thratcher and Mark Jacques, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4291) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

KENNETH I. GORDON.

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

An Act authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Michael W. Habel, Robert A. Thrasher, and Mark Jacques.

*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, Michael  
2           W. Habel, Robert A. Thrasher, and Mark Jacques, members of the police  
3           department of the town of Deerfield, may continue serving in their positions until  
4           they reach seventy (70) years of age, the date of their retirement, or non-  
5           reappointment, whichever occurs first. No further deductions shall be made from  
6           the regular compensation of Michael W. Habel, Robert A. Thrasher, and Mark  
7           Jacques pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws subsequent to their reaching  
8           the age of sixty-five (65) in connection with their service to the town for  
9           retirement or pension purposes.

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

11 SECTION 3. That the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of  
12 form only to the bill, unless the Selectboard approves amendments to the bill  
13 before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the  
14 Selectboard is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within  
15 the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.