

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4768

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 24, 2024.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4482) of Bud L. Williams (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to continue the employment of Lawrence E. Akers as a police officer in said city, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4768) 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 city of Springfield to continue the employment of police officer Lawrence E. Akers.

*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 but subject to  
2 chapter 6E and section 96B of chapter 41 of the General Laws, Lawrence E. Akers, a member of  
3 the police department in the city of Springfield, may continue in his position until he reaches 70  
4 years of age, the date of his retirement or until his non-reappointment, whichever occurs first;  
5 provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his  
6 position. The city council of the city of Springfield may, at the city's expense, require that  
7 Lawrence E. Akers be examined annually by a physician designated by the city council to  
8 determine his physical and mental capability to perform the duties of his position. Lawrence E.  
9 Akers shall, while continuing to serve as a police officer in the city of Springfield: (i) maintain  
10 certification and good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training  
11 Commission; and (ii) comply with all In-service and other training requirements mandated by the  
12 municipal police training committee. No further deductions shall be made from the regular  
13 compensation of Lawrence E. Akers under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service

14 performed subsequent to his reaching the age of 65 and, upon retirement, Lawrence E. Akers  
15 shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to the allowance to which he would  
16 have been entitled had he retired upon reaching the age of 65.

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