

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4781**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and Peter J. Durant***

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*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 extension for mandatory retirement.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>6/12/2024</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>6/21/2024</i>

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By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4781) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) that the town of West Brookfield be authorized to continue the employment of George Kenneth Collette as a lieutenant in the fire department of said town until the age of 70. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act extension for mandatory retirement.

*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, George Kenneth  
2 Collette may continue in his position as a lieutenant in the fire department of the town of West  
3 Brookfield until the age of 70; provided, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing  
4 the duties of such position. The select board of the town of West Brookfield may, at the expense  
5 of the fire chief of the town of West Brookfield, require George Kenneth Collette to be examined  
6 by an impartial physician designated by the select board to determine such capability. George  
7 Kenneth Collette’s employment shall continue until he reaches the age of 70, his retirement, or  
8 his non-reappointment or termination, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is  
9 mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the position.

10 SECTION 2. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of  
11 George Kenneth Collette under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service performed

12 subsequent to his reaching the age of 65. Upon retirement from the position of lieutenant, George  
13 Kenneth Collette shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that to which he  
14 would have been entitled had he retired upon reaching the age of 65, if any.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall not entitle George Kenneth Collette to remain in service to the  
16 town of West Brookfield if otherwise removed or suspended from office in accordance with  
17 applicable laws, rules and regulations.

18 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.