

HOUSE No. 5123

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 30, 2024.

The committee on Public Service, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1646) of Sal N. DiDomenico (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to police cadets in the city of Everett; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1654) of Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Charlton to remove police department positions from civil service; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1665) of Paul R. Feeney (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt the city of Attleboro from the provisions of chapter 31 of the General Laws as they concern the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1707) of Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt officers in the town of Millbury police department from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1721) of Marc R. Pacheco, Norman J. Orrall, Carol A. Doherty and Patricia A. Haddad (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt certain positions in the city of Taunton from civil service status; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1722) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt all positions in the police department of the town of Carver from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1754) of John C. Velis for legislation to protect veterans' preference in hiring practices; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2396) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the town of Tewksbury from the provisions of the civil service law with regard to the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2453) of John F. Keenan and David F. DeCoste (by vote of the town) exempt all uniformed positions in the fire department in the town of Rockland from the civil service law; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2447) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Montague be

authorized to exempt all positions in the police department from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2530) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt all positions in the police department of the town of Needham from the civil service law; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2539) of Kenneth I. Gordon, Michael D. Brady and others relative to the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2540) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others relative to a civil service resident preference for certain municipal police officers and firefighters; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2615) of Brian W. Murray and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Hopedale be authorized to exempt all positions in the fire department of said town from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2640) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Brian M. Ashe (with the approval of the town council) that certain positions in the police department of the town of East Longmeadow be exempt from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2680) of David T. Vieira and Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to exempt officers in all positions of the Falmouth Police Department from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2690) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Gardner be authorized to exempt certain positions in the police department from certain provisions of the civil service law; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3731) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that all future members of the police department of the town of Great Barrington be exempt from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3748) of Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) that the town of Bellingham be authorized to exempt all positions in the police department of said town from certain provisions of the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3749) of David T. Vieira and Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) that all positions of the fire department of the town of Falmouth be exempt from certain provisions of the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3871) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida that the town of East Bridgewater be authorized to exempt uniformed positions within the police department of said town from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3877) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Natick be authorized to exempt police superior officers in said town from certain provisions of the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 3878) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Natick be authorized to exempt police patrol officers in said town from certain provisions of the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3999) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) that town of Needham be authorized to exempt all positions in the fire department of said town from certain provisions of the civil service law; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4028) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be exempt from certain provisions of the civil service law relative to the recruitment and hiring of full time permanent police officers; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4059) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to remove certain positions of the fire department of said town from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4122) of Ryan M. Hamilton and Francisco E. Paulino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the mayor of the city of Methuen be authorized to appoint police cadets to the police department of said city; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4894) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to amend the training requirement for the fire department cadet program in the city of Boston, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5123) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

KENNETH I. GORDON.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Service be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of Senate documents numbered 1646, 1654,
3 1665, 1707, 1721, 1722, 1754, 2396 and 2453 and House documents numbered 2447, 2530,
4 2539, 2540, 2615, 2640, 2680, 2690, 3731, 3748, 3749, 3871, 3877, 3878, 3999, 4028, 4059,
5 4122 and 4894, relative to civil service exemptions, hiring preferences and other related matters.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2024.