

HOUSE No. 5153

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 26, 2024.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5124) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to continue the employment of Steven A. Hilliger, a firefighter of said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5153) ought to pass.

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 continued employment of Steven A. Hilliger, firefighter of the town of Lancaster.

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 chapter 32 of the General Laws or any general or special
2 law to the contrary, Steven A. Hilliger, Firefighter of the fire department of the town of
3 Lancaster, may continue to serve in that position until reaching age 70, the date of his retirement
4 or until the date he is relieved of his duties by the Fire Chief, whichever occurs first; provided,
5 however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his office. The
6 Select Board of the town of Lancaster, at its own expense, may require Steven A. Hilliger to be
7 examined by an impartial physician designated by the board to determine his mental and physical
8 capability. No further deductions shall be made from regular compensation of Steven A. Hilliger
9 under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service performed subsequent to reaching the age
10 of 65. Upon his retirement, he shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that
11 which he would have been entitled had he retired upon reaching the age of 65, if any.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.