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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli

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 relative to POST certified law enforcement officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Smitty Pignatelli	*3rd Berkshire*	*1/20/2023*
Patrick Joseph Kearney	*4th Plymouth*	*2/16/2023*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*3/8/2023*
Kelly W. Pease	*4th Hampden*	*3/21/2023*
Nick Collins	*First Suffolk*	*1/19/2024*

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By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2388) of Smitty Pignatelli, Patrick Joseph Kearney and Brian M. Ashe relative to the powers and authorities of certain police officers. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to POST certified law enforcement officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph under Chapter 6E Section 1:

"All law enforcement officers employed by a law enforcement agency as defined in Chapter 6E section 1 shall have all the powers and authorities of police officers. Wherever "police officer" appears in the Massachusetts General Laws as providing legal authority to "police officers" to engage in law enforcement efforts, that definition shall include all officers who have been POST certified from any law enforcement agency defined in Chapter 6E section 1."