

SENATE No. 2983

Senate, November 18, 2024 - Substituted as a new draft (Senator Pacehco) for the Senate Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Raynham (Senate, No. 2937).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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An Act authorizing the town of Raynham to appoint retired police officers as special police officers.

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, the board of selectmen of the
3 town of Raynham may appoint, as the police chief considers necessary, retired police officers of
4 the town of Raynham as special police officers to perform police details or police duties arising
5 therefrom or during the course of the police detail work, whether or not related to the detail
6 work. Such retired police officers shall have been regular police officers and voluntary retired
7 based on superannuation. The special police officers shall not be subject to the maximum age
8 restrictions applied to regular police officers under chapter 32 of the General Laws but shall not
9 be eligible to serve as special police officers if they have reached the age of 70. Such special
10 police officers shall pass a medical examination by a physician or other certified professional
11 chosen by the town to determine that the officer is capable of performing the essential duties of a

12 special police officer, the cost of which shall be borne by the special police officer, prior to
13 performing police details.

14 SECTION 2. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall not be subject to
15 chapter 31 of the General Laws, sections 85H and 85H½ of chapter 32 of the General Laws,
16 sections 99A, 100 or 111F of chapter 41 of the General Laws or chapter 150E of the General
17 Laws. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall be subject to chapter 151A of
18 the General Laws.

19 SECTION 3. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall, when performing
20 the duties of a special police officer under section 1, have the same power to make arrests and to
21 perform other police functions as do regular police officers of the town of Raynham.

22 SECTION 4. Special police officers shall be reappointed annually, subject to removal by
23 the board of selectmen of the town of Raynham at any time with 14 days' written notice except
24 in cases where the police chief determines that immediate action is necessary to protect the
25 public safety. Upon request, the police chief shall provide reasons for removal in writing.

26 SECTION 5. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall be subject to the
27 rules and regulations, policies and procedures and requirements of the police department of the
28 town of Raynham, including restrictions on the type of detail assignment, requirements regarding
29 medical examinations to determine continued capacity to perform the duties of a special police
30 officer, requirements for training, requirements for firearm licensing and qualification and
31 requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Compliance with all requirements shall be at no
32 cost to the town.

33 SECTION 6. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be sworn before the
34 town clerk of the town of Raynham who shall keep a record of all such appointments.

35 SECTION 7. Appointment as a special police officer pursuant to this act shall not entitle
36 any officer to assignment to any specific detail or type of detail.

37 SECTION 8. Retired police officers serving as special police officers under this act shall
38 be subject to the limitations on hours worked and on payments to retired town employees
39 pursuant to paragraph (b) of section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

40 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.