

HOUSE No. 2683

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Allen Robertson

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 legacy firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Robertson of Tewksbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2683) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to designate certain firefighters who have completed twenty years of service as legacy firefighters. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2393 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to legacy firefighters.

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

1 Chapter 48 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 90 the
2 following section:

3 Section 91: The Department of Fire Services shall recognize firefighters who have
4 completed twenty years of service within the state of Massachusetts to be considered for the
5 designation of “Legacy Firefighter.” Additionally, firefighters who cannot complete 20 years of
6 service due to premature medical retirement shall also be considered for the designation. It shall
7 be the responsibility of the individual to apply for this designation. Eligible individuals shall
8 provide a notarized letter (hereafter referred to as “Certificate of Service”) verifying their
9 completion of twenty or more years of service from the city, town, or department or combination
10 thereof in which they served in order to be considered for the designation. Additionally, eligible

11 members' Certificate of Service shall necessarily include verification of a clean conduct record
12 with the department in which they completed their years of service in order to become a recipient
13 of the "Legacy Firefighter" designation.

14 Recipients of the "Legacy Firefighter" designation shall receive: (1) A certificate issued
15 by the Department of Fire Services honoring them as a "Legacy Firefighter," (2) a campaign
16 ribbon or like insignia officially recognizing them as such, and (3) upon their passing, a
17 medallion emblazoned with the same design as previously mentioned to be situated at their place
18 of rest.