

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2810

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Carol A. Doherty*

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*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 authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of police chief Edward J. Walsh.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>

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By Representative Doherty of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2810) of Carol A. Doherty and James K. Hawkins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Taunton be authorized to continue the employment of police chief Edward J. Walsh, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of police chief Edward J. Walsh.

*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, Edward J.  
2   Walsh, chief of police for the City of Taunton, may continue to serve in that position until  
3   attaining the age of 70, the date of his retirement, or the date he is relieved of duties by the  
4   appointing authority for the police chief of the City of Taunton, whichever occurs first; provided,  
5   however that Edward J. Walsh is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his  
6   office. The appointing authority may require at the city's own expense, that Edward J. Walsh be  
7   examined annually by a physician approved by said appointing authority, to determine such  
8   physical and mental capability. Deductions shall continue to be made from the regular  
9   compensation of Edward J. Walsh pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws.

10          SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.