

HOUSE No. 2919

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino

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 expanding access to the civil service examination.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/8/2025</i>

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By Representative Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2919) of Joan Meschino relative to expanding access to civil service examinations. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2605 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act expanding access to the civil service examination.

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. Clause (n) of section 5 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-
3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the administrator shall waive all
4 costs and fees associated with taking a civil service examination for all persons 18 years of age
5 or younger.

6 SECTION 2. Section 58 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
7 striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

8 No person shall be certified for original appointment to the position of firefighter or
9 police officer in a city or town which has not accepted sections 61A and 61B if that person has
10 reached 32 years of age on or before the final date for the filing of applications, as stated in the

11 examination notice, for the examination used to establish the eligible list from which the
12 certification is to be made. No person shall be eligible to take an examination for original
13 appointment to the position of firefighter or police officer in a city or town if: (i) the applicant
14 will not have reached 17 years of age on or before the final date for the filing of applications for
15 the examination, as so stated; and (ii) the applicant will not have reached 18 years of age on or
16 before the date of the examination. No person shall be eligible for original appointment to the
17 position of police officer in a city or town until that person has reached the age of 21.