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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2995

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher J. Worrell

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 to amend the training requirement for the fire department cadet program in Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Christopher J. Worrell	*5th Suffolk*	*1/9/2025*

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By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2995) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to amend the training requirement for the fire department cadet program in the city of Boston. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to amend the training requirement for the fire department cadet program in Boston.

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

SECTION 1.

The first paragraph of Section 1 of Chapter 242 as appearing in the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking the words "2 years" in the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following words: "1 year"

Said sentence shall now read:

"An appointment to a cadet program shall not be terminated for age unless the cadet has completed 1 year of service."

SECTION 2.

Said Chapter 242 of the Acts of 2022, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking the words "2 years" in Section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following words: "1 year."

Said paragraph shall now read:

"Notwithstanding Chapter 31 of the General Laws, any person who has completed not less than 1 year of service as a fire cadet under this act may, subject to a program established by the fire commissioner of the City of Boston and approved by the personnel administrator of the human resources division within the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, be appointed to fill a vacancy in a position in the lowest grade in the fire force of the City of Boston without certification from an eligible list prepared under said Chapter 31; provided, however, that such a person is either on a fire entrance eligible list prepared under said Chapter 31 or passes a qualifying examination to be given by said personnel administrator."

SECTION 3. PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any provision of this Act or application thereof is held to be invalid or in conflict with Applicable Laws, this invalidity or conflict shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions and applications of this Act are severable.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take immediate effect upon its passage.