

HOUSE No. 4236

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford

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 town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>6/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4236) of Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) that the town of Northfield be authorized to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III as fire chief, 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)**

An Act authorizing the town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III.

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, Floyd Dunnell, III,
2 the fire chief of the town of Northfield, may continue to serve in such position until August 13,
3 2026 (age 73 years) or until the date of his retirement or non-reappointment, whichever occurs
4 first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of
5 his office; provided further, that the town shall, at its own expense, require that Floyd Dunnell
6 III, be examined by an impartial physician designated by the town to determine such capability;
7 and provided further, that no deductions from the regular compensation of Floyd Dunnell III
8 shall be made pursuant to Chapter 32 of the General Laws for retirement or pension purposes.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.