

HOUSE No. 4506

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark

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 Conway to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>9/2/2025</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>	<i>9/2/2025</i>

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4506) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Conway be authorized to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden. 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 Conway to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden.

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, Howard
2 Boyden, a member of the Conway fire department, may continue to serve in such position until
3 they reach the age of 70, the date of their retirement or the date they are removed or suspended
4 from office, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that they remain physically and mentally
5 capable of performing the duties of the position; provided further, that Howard Boyden shall, at
6 the expense of the town of Conway, be examined by an impartial physician designated by the
7 town to determine such capability. No deductions shall be made from the regular compensation
8 of Howard Boyden pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service performed
9 subsequent to his reaching the age of 65 in connection with his service to the town for retirement
10 or pension purposes.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.