

HOUSE No. 4525

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 police department member Michael Habel.

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. 4525) 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 police department member Michael W. Habel. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4557 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police department member Michael Habel.

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, Michael Habel,
2 a member of the police department of the town of Conway, may continue serving in his position
3 until he reaches 70 years of age, the date of his retirement or non-reappointment, whichever
4 occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the
5 duties of his position. The select board of the town of Conway may, at the town’s expense,
6 require that Michael Habel be examined annually by a physician designated by the select board
7 to determine their physical and mental capability to perform the duties of his position. While
8 continuing to serve as police officers in the town of Conway, Michael Habel shall comply with
9 all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and

10 good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and
11 (ii) complying with all in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal
12 police training committee. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of
13 Michael Habel pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws subsequent to reaching the age of 65
14 in connection with his service to the town for retirement or pension purposes.

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