

HOUSE No. 5288

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 30, 2026.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4315) of Kelly W. Pease (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Westfield be authorized to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of firefighter in said city, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5288) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

DANIEL J. RYAN.

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

An Act authorizing the City of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of firefighter.

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 section 58A of Chapter 31 of the General Laws or any
2 other general or special law to the contrary, no person shall be eligible to have their name
3 certified for original appointment to the position of firefighter in the City of Westfield if such
4 person has reached their fortieth birthday on the date of the entrance examination.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall only apply to competitive exams administered on or after the
6 effective date of this act.