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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian M. Ashe

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 Michael Kane to continue serving the town of Hampden police department.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*11/18/2026*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*11/19/2026*

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By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5722) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) that Michael Kane be authorized to continue serving as a reserve police officer in the town of Hampden, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing Michael Kane to continue serving the town of Hampden police department.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Michael Kane, a reserve member of the police department of the town of Hampden until he reached the age of 70, may continue to serve in such position until the age of 75, the date of his retirement or non-reappointment or the date he is relieved of his duties by the town, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his office; and provided further, that the town may, at its own expense, require that Police Officer Kane be examined by an impartial physician designated by the town to determine such capability. No deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Michael Kane pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws in connection with his service to the town for retirement or pension purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage