

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James K. Hawkins***

*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 relative to maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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

An Act relative to maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SUMMARY: Amends provisions related to disability retirement benefits for employees  
2 of fire departments and public safety employees resulting from various forms of cancer or lung  
3 and respiratory diseases; entitles employees whose employers failed to maintain a record of the  
4 member’s physical examination on entry into service, to submit an affidavit attesting to such  
5 examination; defines said affidavits as satisfactory proof of such exams in determining whether  
6 illness or disability was sustained in the line of duty.

7           TEXT:

8           SECTION 1. Section 94 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
9 inserting at the end of the first paragraph the following:-

10           If the member’s employer failed to maintain a record of the member’s physical  
11 examination on entry into service, the member or employer may submit an affidavit attesting that  
12 the member did undergo such an examination and that the examination failed to reveal evidence

13 of such condition. This affidavit shall constitute satisfactory evidence that the member  
14 underwent such a physical.

15 SECTION 2. Section 94A of said chapter 32 is hereby amended by inserting the  
16 following sentence at the end of the section:-

17 If the member's employer failed to maintain a record of the member's physical  
18 examination on entry into service, the member or employer may submit an affidavit attesting that  
19 the member did undergo such an examination and that the examination failed to reveal evidence  
20 of such condition. This affidavit shall constitute satisfactory evidence that the member  
21 underwent such a physical.

22 SECTION 3. Section 94B of said chapter 32 is hereby amended by inserting the  
23 following sentence at the end of the first paragraph:-

24 If the member's employer failed to maintain a record of the member's physical  
25 examination on entry into service, the member or employer may submit an affidavit attesting that  
26 the member did undergo such an examination and that the examination failed to reveal evidence  
27 of such condition. This affidavit shall constitute satisfactory evidence that the member  
28 underwent such a physical.