

HOUSE No. 3902

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward R. Philips

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 Stoughton to exempt all Stoughton police officers at all ranks from civil service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3902) of Edward R. Philips, William C. Galvin and William J. Driscoll, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Stoughton be authorized to exempt police officers from the civil service law. 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 Stoughton to exempt all Stoughton police officers at all ranks from civil service.

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, all of the
2 positions of all police officers in all ranks in the police department of the Town of Stoughton,
3 excluding the Chief of Police previously exempted through the Massachusetts Acts of 1978,
4 Chapter 474, shall be exempt from Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

5 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall not impair the current civil service status of any
6 person holding a position as a sworn member of the police department of the Town of Stoughton
7 on the effective date of this act and only shall be applied to appointments and promotions
8 prospectively as of the date of the Annual Town Meeting vote of May 8, 2024.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.