

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher J. Worrell

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 to amend the training requirement for the fire department cadet program in Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher J. Worrell</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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

An Act to amend the training requirement for the fire department cadet program in Boston.

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.

2 The first paragraph of Section 1 of Chapter 242 as appearing in the acts of 2022 is hereby
3 amended by striking the words "2 years" in the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following words: "1 year"

5 Said sentence shall now read:

6 "An appointment to a cadet program shall not be terminated for age unless the cadet has
7 completed 1 year of service."

8 SECTION 2.

9 Said Chapter 242 of the Acts of 2022, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
10 striking the words "2 years" in Section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following words: "1
11 year."

12 Said paragraph shall now read:

13 "Notwithstanding Chapter 31 of the General Laws, any person who has completed not
14 less than 1 year of service as a fire cadet under this act may, subject to a program established by
15 the fire commissioner of the City of Boston and approved by the personnel administrator of the
16 human resources division within the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, be
17 appointed to fill a vacancy in a position in the lowest grade in the fire force of the City of Boston
18 without certification from an eligible list prepared under said Chapter 31; provided, however,
19 that such a person is either on a fire entrance eligible list prepared under said Chapter 31 or
20 passes a qualifying examination to be given by said personnel administrator."

21 SECTION 3. PARTIAL INVALIDITY

22 If any provision of this Act or application thereof is held to be invalid or in conflict with
23 Applicable Laws, this invalidity or conflict shall not affect other provisions or applications of
24 this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end
25 the provisions and applications of this Act are severable.

26 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

27 This act shall take immediate effect upon its passage.