

SENATE No. 1658

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Cronin

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 special state police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John J. Cronin

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

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By Mr. Cronin, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1658) of John J. Cronin relative to the appointment of special state police officers by the Colonel of the State Police. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2294 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to special state police officers.

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

1 Chapter 22C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 51 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 51A. The colonel may appoint as special state police officers retired uniformed
4 members who, as the colonel deems necessary, may perform police details or any police duties
5 arising therefrom during the course of police detail work, whether or not related to the detail
6 work.

7 Retired uniformed members appointed under this section shall:

8 (i) have a state police discharge status of honorable;

9 (ii) be deemed necessary, suitable, qualified and fit to perform the same essential
10 functions and duties as uniformed members of the department;

11 (iii) be certified by the police officer standards and training commission pursuant to
12 section 4 of chapter 6E;

13 (iv) be subject to or exempt from department rules as determined by the colonel;

14 (v) be equipped, trained and deployed as determined by the colonel

15 Retired uniformed members appointed shall, in accordance with sections 91 and 91A of
16 chapter 32, be at-will employees subject to appointment and removal by the colonel in a manner
17 consistent with sections 52 and 53 of this chapter and shall be appointed for a term of 1 year
18 subject to renewal in the colonel's sole discretion. Such retired uniformed members shall not be
19 subject to the civil service law or rules, shall not be entitled to any benefits of such law or rules,
20 but shall, in the performance of assigned duties and for the purposes of section 9A of chapter
21 258, be deemed a member of the state police.