

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2643**

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Senate, October 14, 2025 -- Substituted as a new draft (Senator Dooner) for the Senate Bill continuing the employment of police chief Edward Walsh in the city of Taunton until attaining the age of 70 (Senate, No. 1825).

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court**  
**(2025-2026)**  
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An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of Edward J. Walsh as chief of police in the city of Taunton.

*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 chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or  
2 special law to the contrary, Edward J. Walsh, chief of police for the city of Taunton, may  
3 continue to serve in such position until he reaches 70 years of age, the date of his retirement or  
4 the date he is relieved of his duties, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that Edward J.  
5 Walsh is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the chief of police. The city  
6 of Taunton may, at its own expense, require that Edward J. Walsh be examined annually by a  
7 physician designated by the city of Taunton, to determine Edward J. Walsh’s physical and  
8 mental capability to remain in service. No further deductions shall be made from the regular  
9 compensation of Edward J. Walsh under said chapter 32 for any service performed subsequent to  
10 his reaching the age of 65 and, upon retirement, Edward J. Walsh shall receive a superannuation  
11 retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired at the age of  
12 65.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.