

Massachusetts House of Representatives

Bill Summary

Bill #: H.4140

Title: An Act relative to non-civil service public safety personnel in the town of Wellesley

Sponsor: Rep. Alice Peisch and Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date:

Current Law: Chapter 41 Section 99A of MGL requires members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of a city or town, after August 1, 1978, to reside within 15 miles of the limits of said city or town. Such distance shall be measured from the closest borders limits of said city or town in which said member is employed to the closest border limits of the city or town in which said member lives. This section allows for a local ordinance or bylaw, or provision of a collective bargaining agreement, to provide for additional residency restrictions for these members.

Chapter 150E of MGL concerns labor relations for public employees.

Summary: Section 1 of the bill authorizes the town of Wellesley, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to increase the 15-mile residency limit for members of the regular police and fire departments, subject to provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

Notes: Language approved by the April 14, 2025 Wellesley Annual Town Meeting as Article 31, which carried by a voice vote.