

**Massachusetts House of Representatives
Bill Summary**

Bill #: H.4321

Title: An Act authorizing the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat.

Sponsor: Rep. Leigh Davis

Committee: Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: 8/14/25 9:00 AM – 8/21/25 5:00 PM

Current Law: Pursuant to Chapter 415 of the Acts of 1987 and M.G.L. c. 32, s. 1, a firefighter is required to retire upon attaining age 65. The law does not allow for distinctions between someone's chronological age and actual physical fitness, strength, and health.

Summary: Section 1 allows the interim chief of the Dalton Fire District, Christopher Francis Cachat, to continue serving until he reaches 70 years of age, the date of his retirement or the date he is removed or suspended from office by the board of water commissioners for the Dalton fire district.

Section 2 states that this act shall take effect upon passage.