

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3951**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark*

*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 authorizing the town of Richmond to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>6/8/2023</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>	<i>6/8/2023</i>

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By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3951) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Richmond be authorized to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act authorizing the town of Richmond to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief.

*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 any general or special law to the contrary, Steven Traver,  
2 chief of the fire department of the town of Richmond, may continue to serve in his position,  
3 subject to approval by the select board of the town of Richmond, until June 30, 2025, the date of  
4 his retirement or until the select board votes not to reappoint him to this position, whichever  
5 occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the  
6 duties of his position. The select board may require that Steven Traver be examined by an  
7 impartial physician designated by the select board to determine his mental and physical  
8 capability. Deductions shall continue to be made from the regular compensation of Steven Traver  
9 under chapter 32 of the General Laws, while he is employed as chief of the fire department of the  
10 town of Richmond in accordance with all applicable laws.

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