

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4764**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kevin J. Kuros and Ryan C. Fattman***

*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 Blackstone to continue the employment of fire chief Michael Sweeney.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>

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By Representative Kuros of Uxbridge and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4764) of Kevin J. Kuros and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Blackstone be authorized to continue the employment of fire chief Michael Sweeney. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Blackstone to continue the employment of fire chief Michael Sweeney.

*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, Michael  
2 Sweeney, Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Blackstone, may continue to serve in  
3 such position until July 31, 2022, until the date of his retirement, or until the date he is relieved  
4 of his duties by the Town Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the Town of  
5 Blackstone Charter, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and  
6 physically capable of performing the duties of his office. The Town Administrator may, at the  
7 Town's expense, require that Michael Sweeney be examined by an impartial physician  
8 designated by him to determine such capability. No further deductions shall be made from the  
9 regular compensation of Michael Sweeney under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service  
10 subsequent to the Chief reaching age 65, and upon retirement, he shall receive a superannuation  
11 retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired on his date.

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