

SENATE No. 1488

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Walter F. Tamily

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 relative to eligibility to become a firefighter or police officer.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Walter F. Tamily</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> | |
| <i>Frank A. Moran</i> | <i>17th Essex</i> | <i>1/26/2017</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Ryan</i> | <i>2nd Suffolk</i> | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> | <i>2/1/2017</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1488) of Walter F. Timilty, Frank A. Moran, Daniel J. Ryan, Keiko M. Orrall and others for legislation relative to eligibility to become a firefighter or police officer. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to eligibility to become a firefighter or police officer.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately facilitate the appointment of firefighters and police officers on eligible lists, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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. Section 26 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the seventh paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or of any other law, a son or
5 daughter of a firefighter or a police officer who passes the required written and physical
6 examination for entrance to the fire service or police service or a son or daughter of a firefighter
7 who passes the required written and physical examination for appointment as a fire alarm
8 operator shall have his or her name placed in the first position on the eligible list or, where
9 applicable, in the first position on the reserve roster for appointment to such fire or police service

10 or fire alarm service if the death of the firefighter or police officer resulted in an award of
11 benefits pursuant to section 100A of chapter 32.

12 SECTION 2. The provisions of section 26 of chapter 31, as amended by section 1, shall
13 apply to all appointments made from eligible lists promulgated by the administrator after the
14 effective date of this act.