

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1517**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*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>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1517) of Ryan C. Fattman and Michael J. Soter for legislation to authoriz the town of Blackstone to continue the employment of fire chief Michael Sweeney. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

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 such  
3 position until July 21, 2022, until the date of his retirement, or until the date he is relieved of his  
4 duties by the town administrator in accordance with the provisions of the town of Blackstone  
5 charter, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of  
6 performing the duties of the office. The town administrator may, at the town’s expense, require  
7 that Michael Sweeney be examined by an impartial physician designated by him to determine  
8 such capability. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Michael  
9 Sweeney under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to the chief reaching  
10 age 65, and upon retirement, he shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that  
11 which he would have been entitled had he retired on his date.

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