

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4080

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4080) of James T. Welch and Stephen J. Buoniconti (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the town of West Springfield be authorized to appoint special police officers.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SPECIAL POLICE FORCE IN THE TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD.

*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. The mayor of the town of West Springfield may  
2 appoint such special police officers for the town as he deems neces-  
3 sary for the safety and protection of the citizens of the city.

1 SECTION 2. Special police officers shall have the same power to  
2 make arrests and to perform other police functions as intermittent  
3 police officers and shall be subject to the same training requirements  
4 as intermittent officers.

1 SECTION 3. Special police officers shall be appointed for a term  
2 to be determined by the mayor, subject to removal at the sole discre-  
3 tion of the mayor. Special police officers shall not be entitled to  
4 compensation for their services except as determined by the mayor.  
5 Special police officers shall not be entitled to any municipal  
6 employee benefits. Special police officers shall be sworn before the  
7 town clerk who shall keep a record of all such appointments.

1 SECTION 4. Any person who has served in the capacity as a per-  
2 manent full time police officer in the town and has retired or  
3 resigned under honorable conditions, shall have the right to an  
4 appointment as a special police officer under the act.

1 SECTION 5. Special police officers appointed under this act  
2 shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws.

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1 SECTION 6. Chapter 322 of the acts of 2000 is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.