

HOUSE No. 4763

By Representative Rogers of Norwood and Senator Walsh, joint petition of John H. Rogers and Marian Walsh (by vote of the town) that the town of Norwood be authorized to appoint retired police officers of the town of Norwood as special police officers in said town. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF NORWOOD.

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 General Manager of the Town of Norwood may
2 appoint, as he deems necessary, retired Norwood police officers as
3 special police officers for the purpose of performing police details or
4 any police duties arising therefrom or during the course of police
5 detail work, whether or not related to the detail work. Such retired
6 police officers must have been regular Norwood police officers who
7 retired based upon superannuation. The special police officers shall
8 be subject to the same maximum age restriction as applied to regular
9 police officers under Chapter 32 of the General Laws. Such special
10 police officers must pass a medical examination, by a physician or
11 other certified professional chosen by the Town, to determine that
12 they are capable of performing the essential duties of a special police
13 officer, the cost of which shall be borne by the special police offi-
14 cers, prior to performing any police details.

1 SECTION 2. Special police officers appointed under this act shall
2 not be subject to Chapter 31 of the General Laws or to Section 99A
3 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. Special police officers appointed under this act
2 shall, when performing the duties under Section 1, have the same
3 power to make arrests and to perform other police functions as do
4 regular police officers of the Town of Norwood.

1 SECTION 4. Special police officers shall be appointed for an
2 indefinite term, subject to removal by the Police Chief, with the
3 approval of the Norwood General Manager, at any time, upon 14
4 days written notice. Upon request, the Police Chief shall provide the
5 reasons for such removal in writing.

1 SECTION 5. Special police officers appointed under this act shall
2 be subject to the rules and regulations, policies and procedures, and
3 requirements of the Chief of Police of the Town of Norwood,
4 including restrictions on the type of detail assignments, requirements
5 regarding medical examinations to determine continuing capability
6 to perform the duties of a special police officer, requirements for
7 training, requirements for firearms qualifications and licensing, and
8 requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Costs associated
9 with meeting these requirements are to be paid by the special police
10 officer. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be
11 subject to Section 96B of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 6. Special police officers appointed under this act shall
2 be sworn before the Town Clerk, who shall keep a record of all such
3 appointments.

1 SECTION 7. Special police officers appointed under this act
2 shall be subject to Sections 100 and 111F of Chapter 41 of the
3 General Laws. The amount payable under said Section 111F of said
4 Chapter 41 shall be calculated by averaging the amount earned over
5 the prior 52 weeks as a special police officer working police details,
6 or averaged over such lesser period of time for any officer desig-
7 nated as special police officers less than 52 weeks prior to the inca-
8 pacity. In no event shall payment under said Section 111F of said
9 Chapter 41 exceed, in any calendar year, the limitation on earnings
10 contained in paragraph (b) of Section 91 of Chapter 32 of the
11 General Laws. Payment under said Section 111F of said Chapter 41
12 shall terminate when a special police officer reaches the age of 65.
13 In the event the age limitation applicable to regular police officers
14 serving a town is increased from 65 years of age, the termination of
15 benefits under said Section 111F of said Chapter 41, as provided
16 herein to special police officers, shall terminate at such a higher age
17 limit, but in no event shall the benefits extend beyond the age of 70

18 for any special police officer. Special police officers appointed under
19 this act shall not be subject to Section 85H of said Chapter 32, nor
20 eligible for any benefits pursuant thereto.

1 SECTION 8. Appointment as a special police officer under this
2 act shall entitle any individual appointed as such to assignment to
3 any detail, as authorized by the Police Chief.

1 SECTION 9. Retired Norwood police officers, serving as special
2 police officers under this act, shall be subject to the limitations on
3 hours worked and on payments to retired Town employees under
4 paragraph (b) of Section 91 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.