

HOUSE No. 2595

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph D. McKenna and Paul K. Frost

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 employment within the Oxford police department.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i> | <i>1/19/2023</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> | <i>1/19/2023</i> |

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By Representatives McKenna of Webster and Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2595) of Joseph D. McKenna and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) relative to employment within the police department of the town of Oxford. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4914 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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An Act relative to employment within the Oxford police department.

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 3-3-1 of the charter of the town of Oxford, which is on file in the
2 office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the
3 General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words “election officers,” and inserting in
4 place thereof the following words:- election officers; and.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 3-3-1 is hereby further amended by striking out the words “;
6 and (e) the Chief of Police and other police officers”.

7 SECTION 3. Section 5-3-9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words
8 “and (h)” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (h) the police chief and, upon the
9 recommendation of the police chief, all other sworn members of the police department; and (i).

10 SECTION 4. Section 3 of chapter 6 of said charter is hereby amended by adding the
11 following section:- 6-3-2: There shall be a police department under the supervision of an office
12 to be known as the chief of police. The chief of police shall have the authority, duties and
13 responsibilities set forth in section 97A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws; provided, however,
14 that the provisions of said section 97A of said chapter 41 requiring and authorizing the board of
15 selectmen to appoint and remove the chief of police and other officers, to fix their compensation
16 and to approve regulations governing the police department shall not apply.

17 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, section 97 of
18 chapter 41 of the General Laws shall no longer apply in the town of Oxford.

19 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the positions of
20 patrolman, sergeant, lieutenant and chief in the town of Oxford police department shall be
21 exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws.

22 SECTION 7. Section 6 shall not impair the civil service status of a person holding the
23 position of patrolman, sergeant, lieutenant or chief within the town of Oxford police department
24 on the effective date of this act except for the purpose of promotion.

25 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.