

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3737**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Angelo M. Scaccia**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to amend the promotional statute.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk
Thomas M. Menino	Mayor, City of Boston

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROMOTIONAL STATUTE.

*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 59 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by deleting the second paragraph and inserting in its place the following:-

3           “An examination for a promotional appointment to any title in a police or fire force shall be  
4 open only to permanent employees in the next lower title in such force, except that if the number  
5 of such employees, or the number of applicants eligible for the examination is less than four, the  
6 examination shall be opened to permanent employees in the next lower titles in succession in  
7 such force until either four such eligible employees have applied for examination or until the  
8 examination is open to all permanent employees in lower titles in such force; such examination  
9 shall only be open to any person employed in such force, that has actually served at the lower  
10 title, on a permanent basis, for at least one year; and provided, further, that no such examination  
11 for the first title above the lowest title in the police or fire force of a city or town with a  
12 population in excess of fifty thousand shall be open to any person who has not been employed in  
13 such force in such lowest title for at least three years after certification.”