

HOUSE No. 4590

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day and Michael O. Moore

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 exempting the office of chief of police and the position of deputy chief of police in the city of Worcester from the civil service law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>4/9/2024</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>4/9/2024</i>

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By Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4590) of James J. O'Day and Michael O. Moore (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to exempting the office of chief of police and the position of deputy chief of police in the city of Worcester from the civil service law. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act exempting the office of chief of police and the position of deputy chief of police in the city of Worcester from the civil service law.

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, the Office of
2 Chief of Police and the position of Deputy Chief of Police of the City of Worcester shall not be
3 subject to Chapter 31 of the General Laws, and such Chief and Deputy Chiefs of Police shall not
4 have Civil Service status, subject to Sections 2 and 3.

5 SECTION 2. If the city manager appoints a Chief from within the Police Department,
6 that employee will be granted a leave of absence by the city manager from their Civil Service
7 rank and position during the time they serve as Police Chief. If they are no longer Police Chief,
8 they may return to their prior Civil Service rank and position, provided they have not reached the
9 maximum age for retirement under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for police officers.

10 SECTION 3. If the city manager appoints a Deputy Chief of Police from within the
11 Police Department, that employee will be granted a leave of absence by the city manager from
12 their Civil Service rank and position during the time they serve as Deputy Chief of Police. If they
13 are no longer Deputy Chief of Police, they may return to their prior Civil Service rank and
14 position, provided they have not reached the maximum age for retirement under Chapter 32 of
15 the General Laws for police officers.

16 SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall impair the civil service status of any tenured
17 employee holding a position governed by the civil service laws on the effective date of this act.

18 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage