

HOUSE No. 5147

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 19, 2020.

The committee on Public Service to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5048) of Donald H. Wong (by vote of the town) that the town of Wakefield be authorized to employ retired police officers as special police officers in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5147) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JERALD A. PARISELLA.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act allowing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers..

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 1 of chapter 458 of the acts of 2004 is hereby amended by striking
2 out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following section:- The Town
3 Administrator of the Town of Wakefield may appoint, as he deems necessary, retired Wakefield
4 police officers as special police officers for the purpose of performing police details or any
5 police duties arising therefrom or during the course of police detail work, whether or not related
6 to the detail work. The retired police officers shall have been regular Wakefield police officers
7 and retired based on superannuation. Special police officers shall not be subject to the same
8 maximum age restrictions as applied to regular Wakefield police officers under chapter 32 of the
9 General Laws, but shall not be eligible to serve as special police officers if they have reached the
10 age of 68. A special police officer shall pass a medical examination by a physician or other
11 certified professional chosen by the town to determine that he/she is capable of performing the
12 essential duties of a special police officer, the costs of which shall be borne by the special police
13 officer, prior to performing police details.

14 SECTION 2. Section 7 of chapter 458 of the acts of 2004 is hereby amended by striking
15 out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following section:- Special police officers
16 appointed under this act shall not be subject to sections 100 and 111F of chapter 41 of the
17 General Laws. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to section 85H
18 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, nor eligible for any benefits pursuant thereto.