

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5354**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford*

*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 authorizing the Montague Center Fire District to continue the employment of fire department members Gary Dion, David Hansen, Mark Fisk, Ann Fisk and Chris Rice.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>9/19/2022</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>9/19/2022</i>

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By Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford that the Montague Center Fire District be authorized to continue the employment of fire department members Gary Dion, David Hansen, Mark Fisk, Ann Fisk and Chris Rice. Public Service.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act authorizing the Montague Center Fire District to continue the employment of fire department members Gary Dion, David Hansen, Mark Fisk, Ann Fisk and Chris Rice.

*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, Gary Dion,  
2 David Hansen, Mark Fisk, Ann Fisk and Chris Rice, members of the Montague Center fire  
3 department, may continue to serve in their positions until they reach 70 years of age, the date of  
4 their retirement or the date they are removed or suspended from office by the prudential  
5 committee of the Montague Center Fire District in accordance with applicable laws, rules or  
6 regulations, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that they remain physically and mentally  
7 capable of performing the duties of their positions. If requested, Gary Dion, David Hansen, Mark  
8 Fisk, Ann Fisk and Chris Rice shall, at the expense of the Montague Center Fire District, be  
9 examined by an impartial physician designated by the prudential committee to determine such  
10 capability. No deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Gary Dion, David  
11 Hansen, Mark Fisk, Ann Fisk or Chris Rice pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws for any

12 service subsequent to enactment of this act and, upon retirement, Gary Dion, David Hansen,  
13 Mark Fisk, Ann Fisk and Chris Rice shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to  
14 that which they would have been entitled had they retired at 65 years of age.

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16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.