

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1349**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin B. Downing***

*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 municipal police officer examinations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Benjamin B. Downing*

*Marjorie C. Decker*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and  
Hampden*

*25th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1349) of Benjamin B. Downing and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to further regulate the appointment of police officers. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1224 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to municipal police officer examinations.

*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 58 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as amended by section 8A of chapter 118  
2 of the Acts of 2012, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in its  
3 place the following paragraph:-

4           “No person shall be certified for original appointment to the position of firefighter or  
5 police officer in a city or town which has not accepted the provisions of sections 61A and 61B if  
6 such person has reached 32 years of age on or before the final date for the filing of applications,  
7 as stated in the examination notice, for the examination used to establish the eligible list from  
8 which such certification is to be made. No person shall be eligible to take an examination for  
9 original appointment to the position of firefighter or police officer in any city or town if the  
10 applicant will not have reached 19 years of age on or before the final date for the filing of

11 applications for such examination, as so stated; provided, however, that an applicant who  
12 reached 19 years of age while serving on active military duty, who was not 19 on or before the  
13 date of an original examination, shall be eligible for any subsequent make up examination that is  
14 offered. No person shall be eligible for original appointment to the position of police officer in  
15 any city or town until that person has reached the age of 21.”