

By Mr. Rodolphe G. Bessette of New Bedford, petition of Henri E. Brien and others relative to compensation of members of the police department of the city of New Bedford. Cities.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Upon petition signed by eighty per cent or more  
 2 of the regular permanent members of the police de-  
 3 partment of the city of New Bedford, containing a  
 4 schedule of salaries proposed for the several grades of  
 5 said department, filed with the city clerk of said city  
 6 not later than sixty days prior to the regular municipal  
 7 election in said city in the current year, there shall be  
 8 placed upon the official ballot to be used at said elec-  
 9 tion the following question: — “Shall the compensa-  
 10 tion of the members of the police department of the  
 11 city of New Bedford be established as provided in the  
 12 following schedule?

	Per Annum.
Chief . . . . .	\$5,000 00
Deputy chief . . . . .	4,500 00
Captain . . . . .	4,058 85
Lieutenant . . . . .	3,641 85
Super. of M. V. . . . .	3,459 35
Sergeant . . . . .	3,276 85
Patrolman . . . . .	2,976 85
Policewoman . . . . .	2,976 85
First year patrolman . . . . .	2,768 85

13 provided, that the rates of compensation in such  
14 petition shall be inserted in said question, without  
15 change. If a majority of the votes in answer to said  
16 question is in the affirmative the compensation of the  
17 members of said police department shall be deemed  
18 to be established as therein set forth and each member  
19 shall be entitled to receive from said city from and  
20 after the amount of the  
21 salary set forth in said schedule for his grade.