

By Mr. Melia of Boston, petition of James H. Kelly and another for legislation to clarify certain provisions of the civil service law relating to fire fighters. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

**AN ACT CLARIFYING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE
LAW RELATING TO FIRE SERVICES.**

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 5B of chapter 31 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph, as
3 appearing in section 2 of chapter 162 of the Acts of 1970, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 No person shall be eligible to become an applicant for fire
6 fighter who has reached his thirtieth birthday on the date of
7 the examination. No person shall be eligible to become an
8 applicant for police officer in a city or town, the metropolitan
9 district police force, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Au-
10 thority police force or capitol police force who has reached his
11 thirty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. In case an
12 eligible list of at least two available persons is not established
13 from a competitive examination for such fire fighters or police
14 officer the director may, upon request of the appointing au-
15 thority of a fire force or police force made within six months
16 after the results of the examination are determined fix a maxi-
17 mum age limit for applicants who have not reached their
18 fortieth birthday on the date of the next subsequent written
19 examination.

1 SECTION 2. The first sentence of the first paragraph of
2 section 20D of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in
3 section 1 of chapter 182 of the acts of 1971, is hereby
4 amended by inserting after the word months in line 10 the
5 words: —

6 and provided that a city, by vote of its city council, and a
7 town, by vote of its town meeting, may require that, in the
8 case of a person appointed as a regular fire fighter in such city
9 or town, the probationary period shall be twelve months.