

By Mr. MacGovern of Harvard, petition of Joseph R. Connell that certain police recruits be required to pay for their basic training at the time they are inducted into police service. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE POLICE RECRUITS TO PAY THEIR BASIC TRAINING AT THE TIME THEY ARE INDUCTED INTO THE POLICE SERVICE.

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

1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 96B, as most recently amended by section 10 of chapter
3 760 of the acts of 1981, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 96B.* Every person, prior to receiving an appointment
6 to a position on a permanent full-time basis in which he will
7 exercise police powers in a municipal police department, the
8 metropolitan district commission police, Massachusetts Bay
9 Transportation Authority police, capitol police, or the division
10 of law enforcement within the department of fisheries, wildlife and
11 recreational vehicles, and any employee of the registry of motor
12 vehicles who will exercise police powers shall satisfactorily
13 complete a prescribed course of study at a police training school
14 approved by the Massachusetts criminal justice training council,
15 hereinafter referred to as the council. The tuition and all other
16 expenses incidental thereto shall be paid by the person attending
17 the school.

18 Every person, prior to receiving an appointment as a reserve,
19 or intermittent police officer, in a city or town shall, prior to
20 exercising any police powers, satisfactorily complete a course of
21 study prescribed by the council. All expenses in connection

22 therewith shall be paid by the person seeking such an
23 appointment.

24 Every regular police officer on a permanent full-time basis in
25 any municipal police department, the metropolitan district com-
26 mission police, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
27 police, capitol police, or the division of law enforcement of the
28 secretary of the executive office of environmental affairs or an
29 employee of the registry of motor vehicles having police powers
30 shall be assigned to and shall attend a regional or municipal police
31 training school approved by the council for the purpose of
32 completing an approved course of study of in-service training at
33 such intervals and for such periods of time as the council may
34 determine. While attending such school or completing such
35 courses, such person shall be paid his regular wages as may be
36 determined by the appointing authority.

37 The appointing authority shall submit to the council, within one
38 month of appointment, the name and date of appointment of any
39 person who will exercise police powers.

40 Every municipal, county and state employee employed by the
41 department of corrections, the division of youth service, the parole
42 board or any county correctional institution whose duties require
43 contact with persons committed to institutions or on parole from
44 such institutions shall complete a course of study as prescribed
45 by the Massachusetts criminal justice training council at such time
46 and at such intervals as it shall determine. Exemption for
47 employees described in this paragraph from the requirement that
48 training be completed prior to exercising any police powers may
49 be waived by the Massachusetts criminal justice training council
50 for individuals enrolled in specific training programs.