

By Mr. Bowker of Brookline, petition of Philip G. Bowker for amendment of the law establishing the reserve police force of the Metropolitan District Commission. Metropolitan Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RESERVE POLICE FORCE FOR  
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby  
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the  
4 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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. Chapter ninety-two of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
3 sixty-two A, inserted by section one of chapter four  
4 hundred and sixteen of the acts of nineteen hundred  
5 and thirty-seven, and inserting in place thereof the  
6 following:—

7 *Section 62A.* There is hereby established a reserve  
8 police force of the commission consisting of such num-  
9 ber of members as the commission may determine.  
10 All members of said reserve force shall be residents of  
11 the municipalities wherein they have authority to

12 act as police officers and are to be taken from the  
13 civil service list as established by the division of civil  
14 service for metropolitan police in the same manner  
15 and order as permanent officers are appointed to  
16 said force. The commission may assign the members  
17 of the reserve police force to duty whenever and for  
18 such length of time as he may deem necessary; and  
19 when on duty the members of said reserve force shall  
20 have all the powers and duties of members of the  
21 regular police force. No person shall be appointed  
22 to said reserve force unless he shall have been a resident  
23 of a municipality wherein a metropolitan police  
24 officer has authority to act as a police officer for not  
25 less than six months immediately prior to such ap-  
26 pointment.

1 SECTION 2. Section seventy of chapter thirty-two  
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by  
3 section four of said chapter four hundred and sixteen,  
4 is hereby further amended by striking out the last  
5 paragraph.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter four hundred and sixteen  
2 is hereby amended by striking out section five and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following: —  
4 *Section 5.* All call officers appointed and em-  
5 ployed by the metropolitan district commission under  
6 section sixty-three of chapter ninety-two of the Gen-  
7 eral Laws within two years prior to the effective date  
8 of this act who shall have served as such officers at  
9 least five months in the aggregate shall on said effec-  
10 tive date become members of the reserve police force  
11 of the said commission without any further action on  
12 the part of any officer or board; and persons so be-

13 coming members of said reserve force shall be entitled  
14 to be appointed to the regular police force of said  
15 commission under section twenty B of chapter thirty-  
16 one of the General Laws before any other members of  
17 said reserve force are so appointed, except that the  
18 basis of certification shall be the order of their respec-  
19 tive standing in relation to each other on the civil  
20 service eligible lists prior to becoming members of  
21 said reserve force as provided in this section.

1 SECTION 4. Members of the metropolitan district  
2 police reserve force as defined in this act who accept  
3 or have accepted permanent employment in a position  
4 for which they have been certified by the division of  
5 civil service shall be dropped from said reserve force.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall in no way affect the  
2 veterans' preference provisions of chapter thirty-one  
3 of the General Laws in so far as they relate to those  
4 veterans passing a civil service examination for ap-  
5 pointment to the metropolitan police.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall in no way affect the  
2 provisions of section forty-six F of chapter thirty-one  
3 of the General Laws relative to the reinstatement of  
4 former metropolitan police officers.

