

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Department,
State House, Boston 02133, July 23, 1970.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments of the Constitution, I am returning, herewith, House Bill No. 5667 entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER TO APPOINT ANTONE ALMEIDA AND RICHARD P. DUBEE AS PERMANENT INTERMITTENT MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF SAID TOWN."

This proposed legislation provides that, notwithstanding the laws regulating the maximum age and minimum height for certification and appointment of police officers, two named persons may be appointed to the Bridgewater Police Department as permanent intermittent police officers.

One of these individuals is 45 years of age and failed two examinations for the police service before passing one in 1958. He failed the medical examination because of being underheight. The other individual is 42 years old, and has failed eight examinations for the police entrance service during the years 1955 to 1966.

At the present time, there are twelve persons on the eligible list for police entrance service in the town of Bridgewater. These persons qualified by examination and, in the opinion of the Director of Civil Service, should be first considered for permanent employment.

I do not believe it is equitable to make an exception to the standard civil service procedure for these two individuals. I have received no information which would justify special legislation in this case.

I therefore recommend the bill be amended as follows:—

By adding at the end thereof the following:— , provided there are no persons on the eligible list willing to accept appointment as permanent intermittent police officers in the Bridgewater Police Department on the effective date of this act.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. SARGENT,
Acting Governor of the Commonwealth.

