

HOUSE No. 2286

By Mr. Masnik of Worcester, petition of Peter L. Masnik and others that provision be made for an extended probationary period in the appointment of regular police officers. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENDED PROBATIONARY PERIOD IN THE APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR POLICE OFFICERS.

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

1 The first paragraph of section 20D of chapter 31 of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first
3 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sen-
4 tence: —

5 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter or in
6 section thirty-six of chapter forty-eight, no person shall be
7 regarded as holding office or employment until he has been
8 appointed to a permanent position in the official or labor
9 service and has actually performed the duties of the office or
10 position thereof for a probationary period of six months;
11 provided, however, in the case of a person appointed as a
12 regular police officer in any city or town, the metropolitan
13 district police force, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
14 Authority police force or as a capitol police officer the pro-
15 bationary period shall be nine months, and in cities and towns
16 with a population in excess of one hundred forty thousand, the
17 appointing authority may require the probationary period of a
18 regularly appointed police officer to be extended for a period
19 not to exceed twelve months.

