

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1996

By Mr. Daly of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association for legislation to reduce age requirements under the civil service law for appointments from reserve to regular force of fire fighters. Public Service.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT REDUCING THE AGE OF APPOINTMENTS FROM RESERVE TO REGULAR FORCE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

*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 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-  
2 ing out section 19A and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
3 ing new section:—  
4 *Section 19A.* Firemen; Appointments from reserve to reg-  
5 ular force.—In each city in which there has been established a  
6 reserve force of firemen in its fire department under the provi-  
7 sions of the sections fifty-nine B to fifty-nine D, inclusive, of  
8 chapter forty-eight, and in each city and town which has a  
9 reserve force of firemen under authority of special law, ap-  
10 pointments to the regular force shall be made by the appoint-  
11 ing authority upon certification by the director from the list  
12 of members of the reserve force of firemen, in accordance with  
13 the rules of the commission, except that the basis of certifica-  
14 tion shall be the order of appointment to the reserve force, or,  
15 if not ascertainable, the order of the respective ratings of such  
16 members obtained in the examination upon which the list of  
17 eligibles for appointment to such reserve force was based. No  
18 person who has passed his fortieth birthday shall be appointed  
19 from such a reserve force to such a regular force. The pro-  
20 visions of this section shall not be deemed to prevent the ap-  
21 pointment to the regular force of a city or town of a call fire-

22 man who, in the case of a city, has been a call member therein  
23 for more than five years prior to June fifteenth, nineteen hun-  
24 dred and forty-three, and, in the case of a town, has been a  
25 call member therein for more than five years prior to such  
26 appointment to the regular force.