

By Mr. DeNucci of Newton, petition of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and A. Joseph DeNucci relative to the appointment of police cadets in cities and towns. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEFS.

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. Section 97 of chapter 41 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting
3 in place thereof the following two sentences: — In any such town in
4 which such appointments are not subject to chapter thirty-one, the
5 appointments of such other police officers shall be made annually
6 or for a term of years not exceeding three years as the selectmen
7 shall determine and the selectmen may remove such officers for
8 cause at any time during such appointment after a hearing. No
9 person having been appointed chief under this section, who is not
10 classified under chapter thirty-one, shall be discharged, removed
11 or laid off except for just cause and in the manner provided by
12 sections forty-one to forty-five, inclusive, of chapter thirty-one.

1 SECTION 2. Section 97A of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
2 by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof
3 the following two sentences: — In any such town in which such
4 appointments are not subject to chapter thirty-one the appoint-
5 ments of such other police officers shall be made annually or for a
6 term of years not exceeding three years as the selectmen shall
7 determine and the selectmen may remove such officers for cause at

8 any time during such appointment, after a hearing. No person
9 having been appointed chief under this section, who is not classi-
10 fied under chapter thirty-one, shall be discharged, removed or laid
11 off except for just cause and in the manner provided by sections
12 forty-one to forty-five, inclusive, of chapter thirty-one.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law, general or
2 special to the contrary, no person who has been appointed as chief
3 of police of any city, who is not classified under chapter thirty-one,
4 shall be discharged, removed or laid off except for just cause and in
5 the manner provided by sections forty-one to forty-five, inclusive,
6 of chapter thirty-one.