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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

**Karyn E. Polito**  
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the appointment of firefighters and police officers.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

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Karyn E. Polito

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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11th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTERS AND 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           SECTION 1. The second paragraph of section 11 of Chapter 22C of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after the word “death” in  
3 line 19, the following:-

4 or, if said uniformed member, while on active duty in the armed services of the United States,  
5 was killed or suffered injuries which resulted in his death or sustained injuries which prevent the  
6 member from resuming his duties

7           SECTION 2. Section 26 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
8 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph, the following paragraph:-

9 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or of any other law, a son or daughter of a  
10 firefighter or a police officer who passes the required written and physical examination for  
11 entrance to the fire service or police service or a son or daughter of a firefighter who passes the  
12 required written and physical examination for appointment as a fire alarm operator shall have his  
13 or her name placed in the first position on the eligible list or, where applicable, in the first  
14 position on the reserve roster for appointment to such fire or police service or fire alarm service  
15 if: such firefighter or police officer on active duty in the armed services of the United States was  
16 killed or sustained injuries which resulted in his or her death or sustained injuries which  
17 prevented him or her from resuming his or her duties as a firefighter or police officer.