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CITY OF BOSTON

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HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS: Stylianos “Steven” Katikakis is a 35-year-old resident who was brought up in South Boston after his parents immigrated from Greece. For the past 10 years, Stylianos has proudly served Boston’s residents as a patrolman for the Boston Police Department (BPD); *and*

WHEREAS: Throughout his service, Stylianos has received numerous commendations recognizing his honor, including providing life saving treatment to a 19-year-old gunshot victim. Notably, in 2020, Sylianos received the Medal of Honor from Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for saving residents from a burning building on Newbury Street before the Boston Fire Department (BFD) arrived. Just as important, many residents have written letters to the Boston Police Commissioner, recognizing Stylianos for his unwavering dedication and honor to his community; *and*

WHEREAS: As a lifelong South Boston resident and small business owner, Stylianos has shown deep investment in the safety and strength of the community where he was born and raised. For Stylianos, the Fire Department represents another opportunity to serve the people of his city, while he has consistently demonstrated courage under pressure, a strong sense of teamwork, and a deep commitment to protecting lives; *and*

WHEREAS, According to M.G.L. c. 31. s58A, “no person shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of firefighter or police officer if such person has reached his thirty-second birthday on the date of the entrance examination”; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT DIRECTING THE CITY OF BOSTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR
FIREFIGHTERS FOR STYLIANOS KATIKAKIS**

SECTION 1.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the City of Boston Fire Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis. If Sylianos meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Fire Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for appointment to the position of firefighter.

SECTION 2.

The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: September 17, 2025