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**CITY OF BOSTON**

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**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE**

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**HOME RULE PETITION**

**WHEREAS:** Angel G. Rivera, a 41-year-old resident of Boston, has lived in the City with his family since 2011. Rivera first moved to Massachusetts from Puerto Rico in 2002, then later relocated to Dorchester in 2011, before settling in the South End with his family since 2017; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Rivera is a U.S. Citizen and has always wanted to pursue his dream of serving as a police officer. He took the Civil Service Exam multiple times but was not contacted or selected; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Since being a resident in Boston, Rivera has worked for 8 years as a Security Officer and First Responder with Fidelity Investments, managing and reviewing cameras around the South Boston Waterfront and Downtown area, taking emergency call dispatches and working with Boston EMS during on-site emergencies, maintaining key boxes, operating fire panels, and ensuring public safety; *and*

**WHEREAS:** From 2019 to present, Rivera works as a MBTA Bus Operator, Bus Operation Inspector, and on Bus maintenance, including ensuring passenger safety through conducting routine vehicle inspections, safely operating a bus without accident, ensuring bus operators are fit for duty, maintaining close communications with MBTA Transit Police; *and*

**WHEREAS:** In 2023, at the age of 39, Rivera was contacted by the Boston Police and joined the Boston Police class. He passed the Civil Service Exam again in 2024 but was bypassed as he turned 40 years old, which is the age limit of the Boston Police for new officers. At 41 years old now, he requires an age-waiver to serve on the Boston Police; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Rivera is fluent in English and Spanish. In the community, Rivera serves as a chaperon for the Hurley K-8 Schools and is active in neighborhood clean ups. He is an experienced and hardworking candidate who is capable of working in law enforcement; *and*

***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 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment 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 OF A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT DIRECTING THE CITY OF BOSTON  
POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR  
POLICE OFFICERS FOR ANGEL G. RIVERA**

**SECTION 1.**

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Angel G. Rivera. If Angel G. Rivera meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

**SECTION 2.**

The provisions of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**Filed on: June 25, 2025**