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## CITY OF BOSTON

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### HOME RULE PETITION

**WHEREAS,** Jonathan Telfort, a 42-year-old native Bostonian, wants to become a police officer to help law enforcement establish positive and healthy relations with the communities it serves; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Jonathan Telfort's bachelor's degrees in both Criminal Justice and Human Services have provided him with a foundation in law-enforcement policy, social services, investigative methods, and community outreach that would enhance his ability to be attuned to the social dynamics and challenges driving crime and public safety issues as a police officer; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Jonathan Telfort's passions motivate him to be the kind of officer who not only enforces the law but also acts as a mentor, advocate, and bridge between law enforcement and the community to see to it that each person—despite background—is accorded dignity and respect; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Jonathan Telfort would've applied to be a police officer earlier however, intent on making sure he was equipped with the life experience and leadership abilities to make a tangible impact as a police officer, he accordingly spent the past few years getting involved in his community, building relationships, and acquiring keen insight into his community's needs in order to learn how best to advance justice; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston has an age limit of 40-years-old for new officers, but the force is currently below minimum staffing requirements and in need of officers;  
**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 POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR JONATHAN TELFORT**

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 Jonathan Telfort. If Jonathan Telfort 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.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed in Council: March 3, 2025