



## CITY OF BOSTON

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### HOME RULE PETITION

**WHEREAS,** Cherell Mellace is 45 years old, grew up in East Boston and currently lives in Hyde Park. Cherell has spent the last 8 years as an emergency medical technician for Boston Emergency Medical Services but always had a yearning to become a police officer; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Cherell Mellace has a passion to serve the community. Cherell enlisted in the United States Marine Corps her senior year of high school. After being medically discharged, Cherell then studied criminology and worked in private investigation; **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 CHERELL MELLACE**

**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 Cherell Mellace. If Cherell Mellace 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 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.