

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER TO ADOPT CHAPTER 270 OF THE ACTS OF 2024 REGARDING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUITY BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF DEDHAM

- WHEREAS,** In the City of Boston, the jurisdiction of a municipal police agency extends to all property located within the municipality's boundaries except property owned by a non-municipality's authority; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Massachusetts Legislature has passed House Bill H.2299, "An Act relative to local law enforcement continuity between the city of Boston and the town of Dedham," which establishes clear legal authority for police cooperation between these municipalities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Public safety and the seamless coordination of law enforcement services are essential to ensuring the well-being of Boston residents, particularly in neighborhoods bordering Dedham, including Hyde Park, Roslindale, and other surrounding communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The bill has undergone extensive legislative review, having been introduced as a petition by Representatives Rob Consalvo and Paul McMurtry and receiving broad support from stakeholders in public safety; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The bill was reported favorably by the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security and passed through the Massachusetts House and Senate before being signed into law by the Governor as Chapter 270 of the Acts of 2024; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council has a vested interest in this law and its implementation, including the scope of law enforcement powers granted across jurisdictions, protocols for inter-agency collaboration, and the potential impact on community relations; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston should do all it can to ensure the safety of its constituents and commuters by locally adopting state bill H.2299, Chapter 270 of the 193rd Massachusetts General Court; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the City of Boston accept Chapter 270 of the Acts of 2024, An Act Promoting Local Law Enforcement Continuity Between The City Of Boston And The Town Of Dedham which shall authorize a duly sworn officer of the Town of Dedham, who is authorized to exercise police powers within said town, to exercise all such police powers within 500 yards into the corporate limits of the City of Boston, as if such officer were a duly sworn officer of said city and a duly sworn officer of the City of Boston, who is authorized to exercise police powers within said city, to exercise all such police powers within 500 yards into the corporate limits of the Town of Dedham, as if such officer were a duly sworn officer of said town. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city of Boston in the manner provided by law and upon its acceptance in the town of Dedham by a majority vote of the select board.

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