

# SENATE . . . . No. 52

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To accompany the petition of William V. Ward, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, for legislation to restrict the hours of labor of civil service employees to eight in one day and forty-eight in one week and to six days in one week. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

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AN ACT RESTRICTING THE HOURS OF CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES TO EIGHT IN ONE DAY, FORTY-EIGHT IN ONE WEEK, AND TO SIX DAYS IN ONE WEEK.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 30 of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out  
3 said section, and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
4 ing new section:—

5 *Section 30.* The service of all laborers, workmen  
6 and mechanics, and all permanent civil service em-  
7 ployees now or hereafter employed by the common-  
8 wealth or any county therein or any town which, by  
9 vote of the city council, or of the voters at a town  
10 meeting, accepts this section or has accepted section  
11 one of chapter two hundred and forty of the General  
12 Acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, or by any con-

13 tractor or subcontractor for or upon any public works  
14 of the commonwealth or of any county therein or of  
15 any such town is hereby restricted to eight hours in  
16 any one day, to forty-eight hours in any one week,  
17 and to six days in any one week. No officer of the  
18 commonwealth, except as provided herein, or of any  
19 county or of any such town, no such contractor or  
20 subcontractor or other person whose duty it is to  
21 employ, direct or control the service of such laborers,  
22 workmen or mechanics, or permanent civil service  
23 employees shall require or permit any such laborer,  
24 workman or mechanic, or permanent civil service  
25 employee to work more than eight hours in any one  
26 day, or more than forty-eight hours in any one week,  
27 or more than six days in any one week, except in cases  
28 of extraordinary emergency. The provisions of this  
29 section shall not prohibit the employment by the state  
30 department of public works, or by any contractor or  
31 subcontractor for said department, of laborers, work-  
32 men and mechanics, or permanent civil service em-  
33 ployees for more than eight hours in any one day in  
34 the construction or reconstruction of highways when,  
35 in the opinion of the commissioner of labor and  
36 industries public necessity so requires.