
By Messrs. Dwyer of Pittsfield and O'Connor of Boston, petition of David J. O'Connor and John J. Dwyer that uniformed members of the Division of State Police be given two days off in every eight. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT STATE POLICE, UNIFORMED BRANCH, BE GIVEN TWO DAYS OFF IN EIGHT.

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 9D of chapter 22 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 487 of the acts of
3 1949, is hereby further amended by striking out, in
4 lines 2 and 3, the words "one day off in seven and an
5 additional night off in each week" and inserting in
6 place thereof the words:—two days off in each
7 eight,—by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the words
8 "and each night off shall consist of at least twenty-
9 four consecutive hours, and they,"—and by in-
10 serting after the word "meridian" in line 11 the
11 words:—and shall be granted so as to provide an
12 interval of not less than two or more than four days
13 between days off,—so as to read as follows:—
14 *Section 9D.* All members of the division of state
15 police, uniformed branch, appointed under section
16 nine A, shall be given two days off in each eight, and
17 the commissioner, with the approval of the governor,
18 may grant further time off to such members, in every
19 instance without loss of compensation. Each day off
20 shall consist of at least thirty-nine consecutive hours,

21 and shall commence at five o'clock post meridian, or
22 at the end of the officer's tour of duty if earlier than
23 five o'clock post meridian, and shall be granted so as
24 to provide an interval of not less than two nor more
25 than four days between days off. The commissioner
26 may, in case of any public emergency, or of any un-
27 usual demand for the services of the members of the
28 division of state police, prevent any member of the
29 division from taking the day off at the time when he
30 is entitled thereto, or at the time assigned thereof;
31 provided, that such day off shall be granted to him as
32 soon thereafter as is practicable.