

HOUSE No. 900

By Mr. Dillon of Cambridge, petition of Frederick J. Dillon for legislation to reduce the hours of labor of employees in state and county penal and reformatory institutions. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act reducing the Hours of Labor of Employees in State and County Penal and Reformatory Institutions.

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 1. Section thirty-nine of chapter one
2 hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws is
3 hereby amended by striking out, in the third line,
4 the word "sixty" and inserting in place thereof
5 the word: — forty-four, — so as to read as follows:
6 — *Section 39.* The hours of labor of officers, in-
7 structors and such other employees of state penal
8 institutions as are described in section thirty-six
9 shall not exceed forty-four in each week, and every
10 such officer, instructor or employee whose presence
11 is required at the institution seven days a week
12 shall be given at least two days' vacation in each
13 month, without loss of pay, in addition to the
14 regular annual vacation. This section shall not
15 prevent the warden or superintendent from requir-

16 ing the services of all his officers, instructors and
17 employees to assist in recapturing an escaped
18 prisoner or in any case of extraordinary emergency.

1 SECTION 2. Section forty of said chapter one
2 hundred and forty-nine is hereby amended by strik-
3 ing out, in the fifth and ninth lines, in each in-
4 stance, the word "sixty" and inserting in place
5 thereof the word: — forty-four, — so as to read as
6 follows: — *Section 40.* Officers, watchmen and
7 matrons, employed by counties in penal and re-
8 formatory institutions shall be subject to sections
9 thirty, thirty-two and thirty-three. The hours of
10 labor of such other employees of county jails and
11 houses of correction as are described in section
12 thirty-six shall not exceed forty-four in each week,
13 and every such employee whose presence is re-
14 quired at such institutions seven days a week shall
15 be given at least two days of vacation in each
16 month, without loss of pay in addition to any
17 annual vacation. A county officer requiring an
18 employee to work more than forty-four hours in
19 a week shall be punished by a fine of not less than
20 twenty-five nor more than fifty dollars.