

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2334

---

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Ernest A. Johnson of Worcester for the House bill with the same title (House, No. 2325).  
June 26.

---

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

---

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

---

### AN ACT PROVIDING A FORTY HOUR WORK WEEK FOR EMPLOYEES OF CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS.

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

1 Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 33 the following section:—  
3 *Section 33A.* Except as otherwise provided in this  
4 section and notwithstanding any other provision of  
5 general or special law, the service of all persons  
6 employed by every city in which this section is ac-  
7 cepted by the mayor and city council, and in every  
8 town in which it is accepted by vote of the town at an  
9 annual town meeting shall be restricted to forty  
10 hours in any one week, provided, however, that in  
11 cases of unusual emergency, service in excess of such  
12 forty hours may be authorized by an officer of such  
13 city or town or by any other person whose duty it is

14 to employ, direct or control such employees, and such  
15 additional service shall be compensated for as over-  
16 time. This section shall not apply to policemen,  
17 firemen, school teachers, incumbents of offices specifi-  
18 cally established by or under the authority of any  
19 general law or special act, or such other classes or  
20 groups of employees as from time to time may be  
21 specifically exempted therefrom in the manner pro-  
22 vided for the acceptance of this section. The com-  
23 pensation payable to any employee shall not be  
24 reduced by reason of acceptance of this section.