

HOUSE No. 2063

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. McCarthy of East Bridgewater, for a Bill providing for a forty hour week for members of the police forces of certain cities and towns (House, No. 302, amended). April 12.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FORTY HOUR WEEK FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN 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 147 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 16B, inserted by section 2
3 of chapter 426 of the acts of 1938, the following new
4 section:—

5 *Section 16C.* The service of members of the police
6 department of every city and town which accepts
7 this section as hereinafter provided shall be restricted
8 to not more than forty hours in any one week; pro-
9 vided, that, in case of any public emergency, or of
10 any unusual demand for services of the police in
11 such city or town, the members of the police depart-
12 ment may be required to serve more than forty hours

13 in any one week, for which additional service they
14 shall receive additional compensation, or in lieu
15 thereof they may be granted additional time off.

16 Upon petition of not less than ten per cent of the
17 registered voters in any city or town, duly certified
18 by the registrars of voters or election commissioners
19 and filed with the city or town clerk not less than
20 sixty days before any regular municipal election in
21 such city or town, the city or town clerk shall cause
22 to be printed upon the official ballot to be used in
23 such city or town at such election the following ques-
24 tion: "Shall section sixteen C of chapter one hundred
25 and forty-seven of the General Laws, providing for a
26 forty hour week for members of police departments,
27 be accepted?" If a majority of the votes cast on said
28 question is in the affirmative, this section shall take
29 full effect in such city or town on the first day of
30 January next following.