
By Mr. Carroll of Lynn, petition of the Massachusetts Police Asso., and Michael J. Carroll and another for providing a forty-hour work week for police officers of certain cities and towns. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FORTY-HOUR WORK WEEK FOR POLICE OFFICERS 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 41 is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after section 111I the following new section: —

3 *Section 111J.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any
4 general or special law to the contrary, the services of all
5 regular police officers of every city and town shall be re-
6 stricted to five days and forty hours in any one week, and
7 eight hours in any one day, and said eight hours shall be
8 arranged to fall within a period not exceeding nine and
9 one half consecutive hours; provided, that service in ex-
10 cess of the days and hours may be authorized by the
11 police commissioner, chief, superintendent or other offi-
12 cer or board at the head of the police department of any
13 such city or town, and such additional service shall be
14 compensated for as overtime. Preference shall be given
15 to police officers on the basis of years of employment by
16 the police department in assignment of hours of work.
17 The compensation payable to any police officer shall not
18 be reduced by reason of the acceptance of this act.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect in a city having
2 a Plan E or Plan D charter when accepted by the affirm-

3 ative vote of a majority of the city council, and in the
 4 case of other cities by vote of the city council, subject
 5 to the provisions of its charter, and in a town by a major-
 6 ity vote at the annual town meeting.