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By Mr. Farrell of Worcester, petition of the Associated Fire Fighters of Massachusetts AFL: CIO and Thomas F. Farrell for legislation to regulate the hours of duty of fire fighters. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT REGULATING THE HOURS OF DUTY OF FIRE FIGHTERS.

*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 48 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by striking out section 58A, as most recently amended by  
3 chapter 638 of the acts of 1941, and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 58A.* The hours of duty of the permanent members  
6 of the uniformed fire-fighting force in which this section is or  
7 has been accepted by the mayor and by the city council and in  
8 every town in which it is or has been accepted by vote of the  
9 town at an annual town meeting or by vote of the majority of  
10 the board of selectmen, shall be so established by the fire com-  
11 missioner, board of fire commissioners, chief engineer, board of  
12 engineers, or other officers having charge of fire fighting that the  
13 average weekly hours of duty in any year, during which such  
14 members may be summoned and kept on duty because of con-  
15 flagrations, shall not exceed seventy in number; provided, that  
16 any city by ordinance and any town by by-law may establish  
17 such weekly hours of duty at less than seventy hours.

1 SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed as operating  
2 to rescind acceptance heretofore made in any city or town.

