

HOUSE No. 2957

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 15, 1957.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 698) of the Associated Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, AFL: CIO, Cornelius T. Finnegan, Jr., and others relative to compensation for overtime service by fire fighters of cities and towns, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2957).

For the committee,

LAWRENCE F. FELONEY.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMPENSATION FOR OVERTIME SERVICE BY FIRE FIGHTERS OF 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 48 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 58C, inserted by chapter 206
3 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section:—

5 *Section 58C.* If a fire fighter in the service of a city or town
6 shall be required to be on duty for any period in excess of his
7 regular hours of duty as from time to time established, he shall
8 be given time off equal to such period of overtime duty or, if
9 time off cannot be given by reason of a personnel shortage or
10 other cause, he shall be paid for such period of overtime duty
11 at such an hourly rate as may be determined by the authority
12 in charge of the fire department, which rate shall in no event be
13 less than the hourly rate of his regular compensation for his
14 average weekly hours of regular duty.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect when accepted in a
2 city having a Plan D or Plan E charter, by the affirmative
3 vote of a majority of all the members of the city council; in
4 a city not having such a charter by vote of the city council,
5 subject to the provisions of the charter of such city; in a town,
6 by a majority vote at a town meeting; and in a district, by its
7 prudential committee.