

By Mr. Doherty of Boston, petition of Gerard F. Doherty for an amendment of the law providing that police officers of the city of Boston shall be given an additional day off duty or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain holidays. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROVIDING THAT POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON SHALL BE GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL DAY OFF DUTY OR, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AN ADDITIONAL DAY'S PAY WHEN THEY ARE REQUIRED TO WORK ON CERTAIN LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

*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 by strik-  
2 ing out section 17A, as amended by chapter 318 of the acts of  
3 1962, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—  
4 *Section 17A.* If any police officer of the city of Boston or of a  
5 city or town is required to work on January first, February  
6 twenty-second, April nineteenth, May thirtieth, July fourth, the  
7 first Monday of September, October twelfth, November eleventh,  
8 Thanksgiving day or Christmas day, or the day following when  
9 any of the five days first mentioned, or October twelfth, Novem-  
10 ber eleventh or Christmas day, occurs on Sunday, he shall be given  
11 an additional day off, or if such additional day off cannot be  
12 given because of personnel shortage or other cause, he shall be  
13 entitled to an additional day's pay; provided, that, in the case  
14 of a police officer who works five or more days a week, and whose  
15 regular day off falls on any of the aforementioned holidays, an  
16 additional day shall be allowed, or payment in lieu of one day  
17 shall be allowed. Such additional day's pay shall be based on the  
18 hourly rate of his regular compensation for his average weekly  
19 hours of regular duty or such higher rate as may be determined  
20 by the person or persons authorized to establish pay scales in the

21 respective police departments. This section shall take effect in  
 22 a city having a Plan E charter when accepted by the affirmative  
 23 vote of a majority of the city council, and in the case of other  
 24 cities by vote of the city council subject to the provisions of its  
 25 charter, and in a town by a majority vote at an annual town  
 26 meeting.

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