

By Mr. Flynn of Malden, petition of the Massachusetts Police Association that police officers of certain cities and towns be given a day off or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROVIDING THAT POLICE OFFICERS OF CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS 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 Section 17A of chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out in lines thirteen and fourteen the  
3 words: — "except when such holiday occurs on Saturday", —  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following: — or who is on  
5 vacation, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 17A.* If any  
6 police officer of a city or town is required to work on January  
7 first, February twenty-second, April nineteenth, May thirtieth,  
8 July fourth, the first Monday of September, October twelfth,  
9 November eleventh, Thanksgiving day or Christmas day, or  
10 the day following when any of the five days first mentioned, or  
11 October twelfth, November eleventh or Christmas day, occurs  
12 on Sunday, he shall be given an additional day off, or if such  
13 additional day off cannot be given because of personnel shortage  
14 or other cause, he shall be entitled to an additional day's pay;  
15 provided, that, in the case of a police officer who works five or  
16 more days a week, and whose regular day off falls on any of the  
17 aforementioned holidays: or a police officer who is on vacation,  
18 an additional day shall be allowed, or payment in lieu of one day  
19 shall be allowed. This section shall take effect in a city having a  
20 plan E charter when accepted by the affirmative vote of a  
21 majority of the city council, and in the case of other cities by  
22 vote of the city council subject to the provisions of its charter,  
23 and in a town by a majority vote at an annual town meeting.

