

SENATE No. 368

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, March 4, 1920.

The committee on Cities, to which was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 266) of the Massachusetts Police Association that police officers be granted one day off in eight without loss of pay, reports the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 368).

For the committee,

ALVIN E. BLISS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

To provide for One Day off in Every Eight Days for
Certain Police Officers.

*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. Members of the police depart-
2 ment of every city and town within the classified
3 civil service and in the metropolitan district shall
4 be relieved from duty for one day out of every
5 eight days without loss of pay. The time and
6 manner of such relief shall be determined by the
7 board or official in charge of the police depart-
8 ment. A member so relieved shall be exempt
9 from duty and from attendance at a police sta-
10 tion or other place, but otherwise shall be subject
11 to all laws, rules and regulations relating to mem-
12 bers of the department to which he belongs.

1 SECTION 2. The board or official in charge of
2 any police department in any city or town to
3 which this act applies shall have authority, in
4 case of any public emergency or of any unusual
5 demand for the services of the police in that city
6 or town, to prevent any member of the depart-
7 ment from taking the day off herein provided for

8 at the time when he is entitled thereto, or at the
9 time assigned therefor, provided that a day off
10 shall be granted to him as soon thereafter as is
11 practicable. In no case shall the number of such
12 days off be less than forty-five in each calendar
13 year, and they shall be in addition to any annual
14 vacation now or hereafter allowed to members of
15 the department concerned, and no annual vaca-
16 tion shall be diminished on account of the days
17 off herein provided for.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter two hundred and ten of
2 the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, and so
3 much of any other act as is inconsistent herewith
4 are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall not apply to the
2 police force of the city of Boston nor to the police
3 force of the metropolitan district commission.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall be submitted to the
2 voters of every city and town at the annual state
3 election in the current year, and shall take effect
4 in any such city or town upon its acceptance by
5 a majority of the voters voting thereon; other-
6 wise it shall not take effect. The act shall be
7 submitted in the form of the following question,
8 to be placed upon the official ballot:— “Shall
9 Chapter _____ of the Special Acts of nine-
10 teen hundred and twenty, which authorizes the
11 granting of one day off in every eight days to
12 police officers without loss of pay, be accepted by
13 this city (or town)?”

