

HOUSE No. 454

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, petition of Paul Murphy that police officers in the city of Boston who are required to appear in court on official business shall be considered to have been on duty and shall be paid accordingly. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL PATROLMEN IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON WHO ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS DURING NON-DUTY HOURS SHALL, FOR PAY PURPOSES, BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN ON DUTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special
2 law to the contrary, all patrolmen of the police department of
3 the city of Boston who are on evening or night duty and who are
4 required to appear in any court of the commonwealth on official
5 business during non-duty hours shall, for pay purposes, be con-
6 sidered to have been on duty for all the time spent at the court
7 as well as the time spent traveling thereto and therefrom and
8 shall be paid at their normal pay rate in lieu of the normal
9 witness fee if such be their option.

The Commission on Government
In the New England United States

As the Commission on Government was established in 1954 to study the structure and functions of the State of New England, it has since that time been engaged in a study of the various aspects of government in the region. The Commission has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from citizens and officials alike. It has also conducted extensive research into the various problems of government in the area. The Commission's report, which is being presented to you today, is the result of this study. It contains a number of recommendations which we believe will help to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government in the New England States. We believe that these recommendations are essential for the future of the region and for the well-being of its people. We urge you to take prompt action upon them.