

By Mr. Bowler of Springfield, petition of Alan D. Sisitsky, James L. Grimaldi, James J. Bowler, Rudy Chmura, George D. Hammond and Anthony M. Scibelli relative to the compensation of police officers attending as witnesses in civil proceedings. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION TO POLICE OFFICERS AS WITNESSES IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS.

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 262 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 53C, as most recently amended by chapter
3 664 of the acts of 1970, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 *Section 53C.* Any police officer, including an officer of the
6 division of state police in the department of public safety
7 appointed under section six or nine A of chapter twenty-two,
8 on duty at night or on vacation, furlough or on a day off, who
9 attends as a witness for the commonwealth in a criminal case
10 pending in a district court, including the municipal court of the
11 city of Boston, or any juvenile court, or the superior court or
12 in any civil proceeding in such courts concerning facts ascer-
13 tained in the line of duty, may, in lieu of the witness fee to
14 which he would otherwise be entitled under section fifty-three
15 or section fifty-three B, as the case may be, be granted such
16 compensatory time off as shall be equal to the time during
17 which he was in attendance at such court, but in no event shall
18 less than three hours compensatory time off be granted him or,
19 if such additional time off cannot be given because of person-
20 nel shortage or other cause, he shall, in lieu of said witness fee,
21 be entitled to additional pay for the time during which he was
22 in attendance at such court, but in no event shall he receive
23 less than three hours additional pay.

