

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Joseph B. Walsh for legislation to reduce the number of hours worked by members of the uniformed branch of the Division of State Police. Public Service.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED BY THE UNIFORMED BRANCH OF THE STATE POLICE.

*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 22 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 striking out section 9D and inserting in place thereof the
- 3 following new section:—
- 4 *Section 9D.* All members of the uniformed branch of the
- 5 state police appointed under section nine A shall be given
- 6 three days off in each nine, and the commissioner, with the
- 7 approval of the governor, may grant further time off to such
- 8 members, in every instance without loss of compensation.
- 9 These days off shall be given in the following sequence in
- 10 that nine day period. The first day off shall follow three work
- 11 days, and shall consist of at least forty-five consecutive hours.
- 12 The second and third days off shall follow the next three
- 13 work days, after the first day off, and shall consist of at least
- 14 sixty-nine consecutive hours. Days off shall commence at
- 15 three o'clock postmeridian, or at the end of the officers tour of
- 16 duty if earlier than three o'clock postmeridian. Officers shall
- 17 resume their next work day at twelve noon, on the day
- 18 following their day or days off. The commissioner may in case
- 19 of public emergency, or of any unusual demand for the
- 20 services of the members of the division of state police,
- 21 prevent any member of the division from taking the day, or
- 22 days off at the time when he is entitled thereto, or at the time
- 23 assigned therefor; provided, that such day, or days off shall
- 24 be granted to him as soon thereafter as is possible.

