

By Mr. Fresolo of Worcester, petition of John P. Fresolo and others relative to minimum staffing discussions in collective bargaining negotiations. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LABOR RELATIONS.

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. Section 6 of Chapter 150E, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 7, between  
3 the words "workload" and "but" the following new language:—  
4 "and in the case of fire personnel, minimum manning of shift cov-  
5 erage".

1 SECTION 2. The fifth paragraph of clause (a) of subdivision 3 of  
2 Section 4A of Chapter 1078 of the Acts of 1973 is hereby amended  
3 by striking out in the fourth sentence the following words: "  
4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the contrary, no  
5 municipal employer shall be required to negotiate over subjects of  
6 minimum manning of shift coverage, with an employee organization  
7 representing municipal police officers and firefighters" and inserting  
8 in place thereof the following new sentence:—"Notwithstanding any  
9 other provision of this chapter to the contrary, no municipal  
10 employer shall be required to negotiate over the subject of the total  
11 number of fire or police personnel to be employed by the municipi-  
12 pality ; however, the subject of minimum manning of shift coverage  
13 shall be within the scope of arbitration with an employee organiza-  
14 tion representing firefighters."

