

Chap. 872. AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMPENSATION FOR OVERTIME SERVICE BY REGULAR POLICE OFFICERS OF CITIES AND TOWNS AND MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17F the following section:—

Section 17G. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the services of all regular or permanent police officers of every city and town which accepts this section shall be restricted to five days and to forty hours in any one week; provided, that service in excess of the aforesaid days and hours may be authorized by the police commissioner, chief, superintendent or other officer or board at the head of the police department of any such city or town and the officer performing such additional service shall be compensated at an hourly rate equal to one and one half times the hourly rate of his regular compensation for his average weekly hours of regular duty or such higher rate as may be determined by the person or persons authorized to establish pay scales in the respective police departments. The compensation payable to any such police officer shall not be reduced by reason of the acceptance of this section. This section shall take effect in a city having a Plan E or Plan D charter when accepted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the city council and in the case of other cities by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of its charter, and in a town by a majority vote at the annual town meeting.

SECTION 2. Section 17C of said chapter 147, as appearing in chapter 349 of the acts of 1956, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the words "the hourly rate" and inserting in place thereof the words:—one and one half times the hourly rate.

SECTION 3. Chapter 92 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 62B and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 62B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, members of the police force of the commission who perform service beyond their regular hours of service shall be compensated therefor as overtime service, at an hourly rate equal to one and one half times the hourly rate of their regular compensation for their average weekly hours of regular duty.

Approved August 29, 1969.

Chap. 873. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOREST LANDS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 61 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sections 1 and 2 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:—

Section 1. Except as otherwise hereinafter provided, all forest land, having a value not in excess of four hundred dollars per acre for land and growth thereon and existing in parcels of not less than ten contiguous acres in area, not used for purposes incompatible with forest