

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, June 16, 1948.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, I return herewith House Bill 1180, entitled "AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE WORK HOURS OF EMPLOYEES OF CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS", and I recommend that it be amended as follows:—

By striking out in line 17 of the bill as printed the words "five days and" and by striking out in lines 18 and 19 of the bill as printed, the words "and to eight hours within a period of not exceeding nine consecutive hours in any one day".

By Chapter 649 of the Acts of 1947, a forty hour work week was established for all cities and towns that thereafter accepted the provisions of that Act. Several cities and some towns have accepted and put it into effect.

This bill provides that all such cities and towns, as well as those that hereafter accept the 1947 Act, shall be required to have the forty hours weekly maximum completed in a five day week and to have the eight hour daily work period completed within nine consecutive hours. This goes far beyond the provisions which these cities and towns voted to accept and imposes upon them financial burdens that they did not agree to undertake in accepting the Act. To do this without again offering these communities the opportunity of accepting or rejecting the Act as amended is manifestly unfair.

The bill also contains a clarification of the provisions of the 1947 Act in reference to emergency conditions that

justify overtime work. These provisions do not impose any additional burden and are desirable in order to simplify administration of the Act. The amendments which I have recommended retain them in the bill.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT F. BRADFORD,

Governor of Massachusetts.