

CONCERNING FIREMEN IN SECOND CLASS A CITIES

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AN ACT

Providing for a two-platoon system for firemen employed and paid by cities of the second class A and fixing the maximum hours of service in any one day or week for such platoons, with certain exceptions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The head of the department having charge of or supervision over the fire department or bureau in each city of the second class A shall divide the officers and members of companies of the uniformed fire force in the employ of such cities, excepting the superintendent, into two shifts, bodies or platoons, one to perform day service and the other to perform night service. The hours of day service shall not exceed ten, commencing at eight o'clock in the morning; the hours of night service shall not exceed fourteen, commencing at six o'clock in the afternoon. The hours of day service shall not exceed fifty hours in any one calendar week and the hours of night service shall not exceed seventy hours in any one calendar week, unless the hours of day and night service shall be equalized, in which case neither the hours of day or night service shall exceed fifty-six in any one calendar week. In cases of riot, serious conflagration or other such emergency, the superintendent of the bureau of fire or his first assistant or the chief officer in charge at any fire shall have the power to assign all the members of the fire force to continuous duty or to continue any member thereof on duty if necessary. No member of either of said shifts, bodies or platoons shall be required to perform continuous day service or continuous night service for a longer consecutive period than two weeks nor be kept on duty continuously longer than ten hours in the day shift, body or platoon, or fourteen hours in the night shift, body or platoon, excepting as may be necessary to equalize the hours of duty and service and also excepting in cases of riot, serious conflagration or other such emergency, as above provided.

(1 amended Sept. 29, 1951, P.L.1568, No.402)

Section 2. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to repeal the act, approved the eighteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws 131), entitled "An act requiring cities of the second class A having fire departments to allow members of said fire departments twenty-four consecutive hours of rest each week and fourteen days vacation with pay each year, except in emergency cases."

Section 3. The act, approved the thirtieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred fifteen (Pamphlet Laws 34), entitled "An act to promote the health and efficiency of firemen, in cities of the second class, by providing for a two-platoon system for firemen in the department of public safety of such cities," its

amendments and supplements, is hereby repealed in so far as it applies to cities of the second class A.

All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of February, one thousand nine hundred fifty.