
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **664** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. ROONEY, HALUSKA AND YATRON,
MAY 23, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
MAY 23, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 23 1931 (P L 932) entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class and amending revising and consolidating the law relating thereto" further regulating hours of service of firemen

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

- 1 Section 1 Section 2103 act of June 23 1931 (P L 932) known as
- 2 "The Third Class City Code" reenacted and amended June 28 1951

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill.
Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 (P L 662) and amended July 19 1957 (P L 1012) is amended to read
2 Section 2103 Platoon System Hours of Service Vacation Sick
3 Leave The director of the department having charge of the fire bureau
4 in each city shall divide the officers and members of companies of the
5 uniformed fire force in the employ of such cities and any other firemen
6 and drivers regularly employed and paid by the city excepting the chief
7 engineer and assistant chiefs and those employed subject to call into
8 two bodies or platoons to perform service during such hours as the
9 director shall fix except as herein otherwise provided The hours of day
10 service shall not exceed ten commencing at eight o'clock in the morn-
11 ing the hours of night service shall not exceed fourteen commencing
12 at six o'clock in the afternoon and the hours of day service shall not
13 exceed [fifty] forty hours in any one calendar week and the hours of
14 night service shall not exceed [seventy] fifty-six hours in any one calen-
15 dar week unless the hours of day and night service shall be equalized
16 in which case neither the hours of day or night service shall exceed
17 [fifty-six] forty-eight in any one calendar week Provided That for the
18 duration of any war in which the United States is engaged and six
19 months thereafter the hours of service may exceed the number herein-
20 before provided as the maximum number of hours of service and in

1 such cases council shall provide for the payment of extra compensation
2 for any hours of service at the same rate as paid for regular service
3 in excess of such maximum hours of service The employes of such fire
4 forces shall be allowed to have at least twenty-four consecutive hours
5 of rest in every calendar week to have an annual vacation of not less
6 than fourteen working days and shall be entitled to twenty-one days
7 sick leave annually without diminution of the salary or compensation
8 fixed by ordinance In those instances in which sick leave exceeds four
9 days at any one time it shall be necessary for the employe to present
10 evidence satisfactory to the director of the department showing either
11 injury hospitalization or illness attended to by a physician In cases of
12 riot serious conflagration times of war public celebrations or other such
13 emergency the chief engineer of the bureau of fire or the assistant chief
14 deputy or chief officer in charge at any fire shall have the power to
15 assign all the members of the fire force to continuous duty or to con-
16 tinue any member thereof on duty if necessary No member of any of
17 said shifts bodies or platoons shall be required to perform continuous
18 day service or continuous night service for a longer consecutive period
19 than two weeks nor be kept on duty continuously longer than ten hours
20 in the day shifts bodies or platoons or fourteen hours in the night shifts

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- 1** bodies or platoons excepting as may be necessary to equalize the hours
- 2** of duty and service and also excepting in cases of emergency as above
- 3** provided

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor