

power, and shall be members in good and regular standing of a Pennsylvania branch, post, lodge, or club, of a recognized national veterans' organization active in this Commonwealth.

The Governor, upon recommendation of the Adjutant General, shall declare a vacancy to exist whenever any member shall fail to attend three consecutive meetings, and shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Three members of the nine shall be considered members-at-large and shall be approved by the Governor and appointed for terms of four years.

Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

The commission shall select from its number a chairman and a secretary.

APPROVED—The 20th day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 415

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-three, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," further regulating the hours of service of firemen.

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

Section 1. Section two thousand one hundred three, act of June twenty-three, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 932), known as "The Third Class City Code," reenacted and amended June twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 662) and amended July seventeen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1008), is amended to read:

Section 2103. Platoon System; Hours of Service; Vacation; Sick Leave.—The director of the department having charge of the fire bureau in each city shall divide the officers and members of companies of the uniformed fire force in the employ of such cities, and any other firemen and drivers regularly employed and paid by the city, excepting the chief engineer and assistant chiefs, and those employed subject to call, into two bodies or

The Third Class
City Code.

Section 2103, act
of June 23, 1931,
P. L. 932, re-
enacted and
amended June
23, 1951, P. L.
662, and
amended July 17,
1951, P. L.
1008, further
amended.

platoons to perform service during such hours as the director shall fix, except as herein otherwise provided. 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; and 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 [sixty] *fifty-six* in any one calendar week: Provided, That for the duration of any war in which the United States is engaged, and six months thereafter, the hours of service may exceed the number hereinbefore provided as the maximum number of hours of service, and in such cases, council shall provide for the payment of extra compensation for any hours of service, at the same rate as paid for regular service in excess of such maximum hours of service. The employes of such fire forces shall be allowed to have at least twenty-four consecutive hours of rest in every calendar week, to have an annual vacation of not less than fourteen working days, and shall be entitled to fourteen days sick leave annually without diminution of the salary or compensation fixed by ordinance. In cases of riot, serious conflagration, times of war, public celebrations, or other such emergency, the chief engineer of the bureau of fire, or the assistant chief deputy, or 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 any 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 shifts, bodies or platoons or fourteen hours in the night shifts, bodies or platoons, excepting as may be necessary to equalize the hours of duty and service, and also excepting in cases of emergency, as above provided.

Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.

APPROVED—The 21st day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER