

HOUSE No. 2801

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh relative to minimum staffing levels in certain collective bargaining negotiations. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LABOR RELATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6 of Chapter 150E, as appearing in the 2002
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 7, between
3 the words “workload,” and “but” the following new language:—
4 “and in the case of fire personnel, minimum manning of shift
5 coverage.”

1 SECTION 2. The fifth paragraph of clause (a) of subdivision 3 of
2 Section 4A of Chapter 1078 of the Acts of 1973 is hereby amended
3 by striking out, in the fourth sentence the following words:—
4 “Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the contrary,
5 no municipal employer shall be required to negotiate over subjects
6 of minimum manning of shift coverage, with an employee organiza-
7 tion representing municipal police officers and fire fighters.” and
8 inserting in place thereof the following new sentence:—
9 “Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the con-
10 trary, no municipal employer shall be required to negotiate over the
11 subject of the total number of fire or police personnel to be
12 employed by the municipality; however, the subject of minimum
13 manning of shift coverage shall be within the scope of arbitration
14 with an employee organization representing firefighters.”