

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Relating to Minimum Hour and Wage Standards for Firefighting Personnel of Lewiston Fire Department.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XII, § 4-A, additional.** Article XII of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended, is further amended by adding a new section 4-A to read as follows:

'Sec. 4-A. Minimum wage and hour standards, firefighting personnel. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4, the commission shall employ a sufficient number of firefighting personnel to constitute 3 platoons, each platoon to consist of a minimum strength roster as follows: One deputy chief, 2 captains, 6 lieutenants and 17 privates. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the firefighting personnel of the department shall not be employed for a work week longer than an average of 56 hours per week over each 9-week cycle under a 3-platoon system, each platoon to be on duty for 24 hours per day in consecutive rotating shifts. The commission shall set the compensation of the aforesaid firefighting personnel, subject to the approval of the finance board; provided that they shall receive a weekly rate of compensation in an amount no less than that of equivalent officers and privates in the Lewiston police department. The chief fire department engineer may in his discretion recall off-duty firefighting personnel to duty to meet any emergency conditions and to maintain platoon strength where a shortage of personnel is caused by sickness, sick leave, vacation leave or temporary vacancies; provided that such off-duty personnel shall receive appropriate compensation for such overtime at a rate to be set by the commission, subject to the approval of the finance board.'

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** The provisions of this Act shall become effective January 2, 1966.