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An Act Making it Unlawful to Require Employes in any Municipal Fire Department, Except One who may be at any Time in Command of Such Department, to Remain on Duty in any Calendar Month Longer Than an Average of Twelve Hours Per Day for Such Month, Except in Case of a Conflagration or Similar Emergency, and Providing Penalties for a Violation Thereof.

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CHAPTER 124

FIREMEN

HOURS OF LABOR

(Initiated by Petition Under the Initiative and Referendum)

AN ACT MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO REQUIRE EMPLOYEES IN ANY MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT, EXCEPT ONE WHO MAY BE AT ANY TIME IN COMMAND OF SUCH DEPARTMENT, TO REMAIN ON DUTY IN ANY CALENDAR MONTH LONGER THAN AN AVERAGE OF TWELVE HOURS PER DAY FOR SUCH MONTH, EXCEPT IN CASE OF A CONFLAGRATION OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION THEREOF.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. From and after thirty days after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for any municipality, or any officer or employe thereof, to require any person holding any position or employment in the fire department of such municipality, save and except one who may be at any time in command of such department, to be, or remain on duty in such employment during any calendar month for periods of time which in the aggregate during such month amount to more than twelve hours for each day in said month; provided, however, that the requiring of more hours of work in cases of conflagrations or similar emergencies shall not be unlawful. This act shall apply to and include all municipalities having fire departments, whether such municipalities are created under general laws, or by special charter, or by or under the provisions of Article XX of the constitution of the State of Colorado.

Hours of labor

Emergency

Application
of act

Violation of act	Section 2. Any officer, agent or employe of any such municipality who shall, after thirty days from the passage of this act, order, direct, compel or require any employe or other person in any such fire department, save and except one who may be at any time in command of said fire department, to be or remain on duty in such work or employment in any calendar month for a longer time than that hereinbefore provided for, except in said cases of emergency, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred (100) dollars nor more than five hundred (500) dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one hundred days, or by both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.
Misdemeanor	
Penalty	

Repeal Section 3. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Submitted to people at election held November 2, 1920. Approved by 113,140 votes "Yes" to 82,596 votes "No."

Effective December 4, 1920.