

Section 2. That said act is hereby amended by adding thereto at the end of article seventeen a new section to read as follows:

Investigation and control of insects, other arthropods, and rodents.

*Section 1710. Investigation and Control of Insects, other Arthropods and Rodents.*—The Department of Agriculture shall have authority, and its duty shall be, to furnish information to citizens of the Commonwealth concerning the control of harmful insects, other arthropods, and rodents, which attack man and other animals, birds or stored products of any kind, or which invade buildings or property, and by their presence constitute a nuisance; also to make studies to determine the value of beneficial insects and other arthropods. The Department of Agriculture may also make investigations, undertake, and carry out control measures against said insects, other arthropods, and rodents; publish and disseminate literature, and otherwise advise and cooperate with the citizens of the Commonwealth in suppressing all such pests.

APPROVED—The 8th day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 68

AN ACT

Regulating the employment and hours of employment of the officers and members of the uniformed fire protection forces of the cities of the first class; and repealing existing laws.

Be it enacted, &c., That,

Firemen to be divided into two platoons.

Section 1. Platoon System; Hours of Service.—The director, or other officers of the department having charge of the fire bureau in each city of the first class, shall divide the officers and members of the companies of the uniformed fire protection forces in the employ of such cities, excepting the chief engineer and assistant chiefs and those employed subject to call, into two bodies or platoons. One to perform day service and the other to perform night service. The hours of day service shall not exceed ten commencing at eight o'clock in the morning, and the hours of night service shall not exceed fourteen commencing at six o'clock in the afternoon. The hours of day service shall not exceed thirty hours, and the hours of night service shall not exceed forty-two hours in the same calendar week. The employes of such fire forces shall be allowed to have at least twenty-four consecutive hours of rest in every calendar week exclusive of the change day, and to have an annual vacation of not less than fourteen days without diminution of,\*

Day service not to exceed 10 hours.

Night service not to exceed 14 hours.

Employes to be allowed 24 consecutive hours of rest each week.

Vacation of 14 days.

\* In the original.

in either case, of the salary or compensation fixed by ordinance or resolution. But no vacation or suspension period shall be increased or reduced by reason of the fact that, during such period, such member, if working, would have been entitled to one or more rest days under the provisions of this act. In case of public celebrations, riots, serious conflagration, floods, times of war, pestilence or such emergencies, the chief engineer in charge 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 members of the fire protection forces to continuous duty or to continue any members thereof on duty if necessary. No member of either said shifts, bodies or platoons shall be required to perform any longer day duty than thirty hours of day service or forty-two hours of night service in the same calendar week, excepting as may be necessary to equalize the hours of duty and service, and also excepting in case of emergencies as above provided.

In case of riots, floods, etc., employes may be assigned to continuous duty.

Limit placed upon the number of working hours.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 8th day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 69

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the title and the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand five hundred eighteen), entitled "An act regulating the construction, equipment, maintenance, operation and inspection of elevators outside of cities of the first and second and second A classes; granting certain authority to and imposing certain duties upon the Department of Labor and Industry; providing penalties for violations of this act; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act," by extending the provisions of said act to elevators located in cities of the first, second, and second A classes.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the title and the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand five hundred eighteen), entitled "An act regulating the construction, equipment, maintenance, operation and inspection of elevators outside of cities of the first and second and second A classes; granting certain authority to and imposing certain duties upon the Department of Labor and Industry; providing penalties for violations of this act; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act," as amended by the act, approved the

Title and the act of May 2, 1929 (P. L. 1518), as amended by the act of May 24, 1933 (P. L. 999), further amended.