

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2650**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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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 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting in line 7, between the words “workload,” and “but” the following  
3 new language: “and in the case of fire personnel, minimum manning of shift coverage,”

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