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## CHAPTER 282.

## The Fire Departments Act.

Two  
platoon  
system.

**1.** Where in any city or town having a population of not less than 10,000 there is a permanent fire department, the officers and employees of which are regularly employed as firemen and paid by the municipal corporation, it shall be the duty of the chief, superintendent or commission, as the case may be, to divide the members of said fire department into two platoons who shall work according to one or other of the two following systems, namely,—

No. 1 System—The said chief of the fire department shall not keep a platoon on duty for more than twenty-four consecutive hours, after which the platoon working the twenty-four hours shall be allowed twenty-four consecutive hours off duty.

No. 2 System—One platoon shall work day work of ten consecutive hours, while the other platoon works night work of fourteen consecutive hours, each platoon to alternate every seventh day from night to day work and *vice versa*. R.S.O. 1927, c. 245, s. 1.

Act not  
to affect  
salaries or  
holidays of  
employees.

**2.** No deduction shall be made from the pay or the holidays of the employees of a permanent fire department by reason of the provisions of this Act. R.S.O. 1927, c. 245, s. 2.

Weekly  
day off  
duty.

**3.** Where in any city, town or village there is a permanent fire department, the officers and employees of which are regularly employed and paid by the municipal corporation, every officer and employee of such department shall be off duty for one full day of twenty-four hours in every calendar week, but where what is known as "double platoon system" is in operation in any such fire department the twenty-four hours release at the change of platoons shall not be regarded as a day off duty for the purposes of this section. R.S.O. 1927, c. 245, s. 3.

Act to  
prevail over  
municipal  
regulations.

**4.** The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding any regulation or by-law of a municipal corporation relating to a fire department. R.S.O. 1927, c. 245, s. 4.

Penalties.

**5.** Every fire chief, superintendent, director or officer of every such fire department who requires or requests an employee of the department to be on duty in violation of the provisions of this Act shall incur a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100. R.S.O. 1927, c. 245, s. 5.