



General Assembly

January Session, 2019

**Committee Bill No. 549**

LCO No. 6185



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER WORK WEEKS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

3 (a) The work week for all permanent paid members of the  
4 uniformed firefighter force for municipalities adopting sections 7-303  
5 to 7-306, inclusive, shall be an average work week of not more than  
6 fifty-six hours, computed over a period of one fiscal or calendar year,  
7 as the municipality elects; provided, unless otherwise prescribed by  
8 regulation or ordinance, any time spent in an emergency in excess of  
9 any regularly assigned or scheduled work week in connection with  
10 any actual fire or conflagration, including time spent going to, working  
11 at or returning from any actual fire, or any other work or duty  
12 classified as an act of mercy shall not be included in computing such  
13 average work week.

14 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section or any ordinance  
15 adopted pursuant to section 7-304, the work week and average work  
16 week for all permanent paid members of the uniformed firefighter

17 force for municipalities shall be a subject of collective bargaining for  
18 such members in accordance with sections 7-467 to 7-477, inclusive, of  
19 the general statutes and applicable to any such collective bargaining  
20 agreement negotiated, entered into, renewed or extended on or after  
21 January 1, 2020.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2020	7-305

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable*