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**CHAPTER 630.**

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 14.59 of the statutes, relating to office hours and basis of employment of state employes.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

14.59 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

14.59 STATE OFFICE HOURS; STANDARD WORK WEEK. (1) The offices of the departments of state government shall be kept open on all days of the year except Sundays and holidays. Monday to Friday office hours shall begin at 8 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. with intermissions from 12 noon to 1 p. m. On Saturdays offices shall be operated by a reduced staff of employes from 8 a. m. to 12 noon. Any office employe required to work on Saturday when it is necessary that his hours of work be in excess of 40 hours per week shall be compensated for such work on a straight time basis. During the summer months from May 1 to October 1, departments may, in the discretion of the governor adjust opening and closing hours and intermission periods as the needs of the service require consistent with the principle of the 8-hour day herein established. Heads of departments shall grant to each clerk or other person in their employ, noncumulative leave of absence without loss of pay at the rate of 3 weeks for a full year's service.

(2) The departments of the state government which operate penal, medical, charitable and educational institutions or maintain field services in which the standard basis for employment presently exceeds 40 hours per week shall in co-operation with the bureau of personnel make a study of the hours of labor in such departments and of the feasibility of placing the employes in such services on a standard basis of employment of 40 hours per week divided into 5 days of 8 hours each. The departments, with the consent of the emergency board, are authorized to put such standard basis of employment into effect in such instances as they may deem feasible and practical, taking into consideration the nature of the service rendered and the availability of the necessary funds.

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