

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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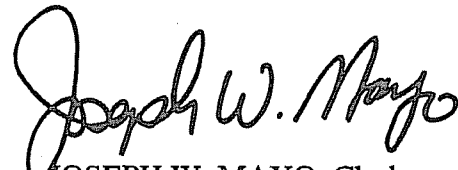
House of Representatives, February 25, 1993

**An Act to Change the Labor Laws that Apply to Students under 18 Years of Age.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PINEAU of Jay.  
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and  
Representatives: LIPMAN of Augusta, REED of Falmouth, RUHLIN of Brewer.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is often necessary for an employer to have  
additional help on days when school is not in session due to  
inclement weather, mechanical failure or other appropriate  
circumstance for school closure; and

Whereas, minors should be allow to work additional hours on  
those days when school is closed; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1991, c.  
544, §5, is amended to read:

B. More than 20 hours in any week when school is in  
session, except that the minor may work up to 8 hours on  
each day that an authorized school closure occurs, up to a  
total of 28 hours in any week. If requested, a school must  
provide verification of its closings to the minor's employer  
or the Department of Labor;

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the child labor laws related to minors 16  
and 17 years of age to allow them to work additional hours when  
an authorized school closure occurs.