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House of Representatives, March 1, 2007

### An Act To Establish Working Hours and Wages for Teenagers

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CURTIS of Madison.  
Cosponsored by Representative: CRAY of Palmyra.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Minors under 17 years of age.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1,  
4 **the minimum wage for a minor under 17 years of age is \$5.25 per hour.**

5 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 53, §1, is further  
6 amended to read:

7 B. More than ~~20~~ 30 hours in any week when the minor's school is in session, except  
8 that the minor may work up to 8 hours on each day that an authorized school closure  
9 occurs in that minor's school ~~up to a total of 28 hours in that week.~~ In addition, the  
10 maximum weekly hours a minor may work is 50 hours during any week that the  
11 approved school calendar for the minor's school is less than 3 days or during the first  
12 or last week of the school calendar, regardless of how many days the minor's school  
13 is in session for the week. If requested, a school must provide verification of its  
14 closings to the minor's employer or the Department of Labor;

15 **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 544, §5, is  
16 amended to read:

17 B. More than ~~18~~ 22 hours in any week when school is in session;

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill sets the minimum wage for a minor under 17 years of age at \$5.25 per hour,  
20 increases from 20 to 30 the hours a minor under 18 years of age may work during a week  
21 while school is in session and increases from 18 to 22 the hours a minor under 16 years of  
22 age may work during a week while school is in session.