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H. P. 1313

Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Minimum Wages for Students Employed at Summer Camps.

Be is enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

- R. S., T. 26, § 663, sub-§ 3, ¶ F, amended. Paragraph F of subsection 3 of section 663 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 410 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:
 - F. Those employees who are counsellors or junior counsellors at summer camps for boys and girls; and employees of said summer camps, other than counsellors or junior counsellors, who are under the age of 19 and are regularly enrolled in an educational institution or are on vacation therefrom;

STATEMENT OF FACT

Students under 19 years of age are now subject to the minimum wage at a rate which is 75% of the minimum wage required for other employees in the same occupation. The only exception is for such students when they are employed in children's summer camps. When they are regular employees and not counsellors or junior counsellors, such students should not be discriminated against because their work happens to be done in a camp environment. The required rate would not be excessive, especially since most of them receive full room and board which can be counted as part of the wage.

This amendment would permit counsellors and junior counsellors to remain exempt from the minimum wage provisions.