

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 626

H. P. 504

House of Representatives, February 11, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Limit the Minimum Wage Exemption for Summer Camp
Employees.

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

26 MRSA § 663, sub-§ 3, ¶ F, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 410, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

F. Those employees who are counsellors or junior counsellors at summer camps for boys and girls; and employees who are under the age of 19 and are regularly enrolled in an educational institution or are on vacation therefrom, and who are employees of summer camps operated by or belonging to corporations or associations existing under the provisions of Title 12, Part 2.

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 to the law would permit counsellors and junior counsellors to remain exempt from the minimum wage provisions and would also exempt employees of nonprofit incorporated summer camps from the minimum wage law.