

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No minor under 16 years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about or in connection with any manufacturing or mechanical establishment, ~~hotel, rooming house~~ laundry, except those commonly known as automatic laundries, dry cleaning establishments, bakery, bowling alley, poolroom, commercial places of amusement, including traveling shows and circuses, or in any theater or moving picture house.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA § 773, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 238, § 2, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The federal law allows minors 14 and 15 years old to be employed in hotels and motels. The State of Maine law allows this age group to work only in outside occupations on the grounds of the hotel. Many 14 and 15 year old students are prohibited from working in restaurants and dining rooms because they are located in hotels or motels.

By reducing the minimum age from 16 to 14, the Maine law would be the same as federal and would allow many young people to work in nonhazardous jobs during the summer vacation and part-time year around.