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H.P. 1334 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield. Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

### STATE OF MAINE

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Expand Employment Opportunities for Minors under the Age of 16 Years.

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

Whereas, there are many minors under the age of 16 years who desire to work during the summer months; and

Whereas, the encouragement of teenage employment is a desirable goal and these persons should not be discouraged from pursuing suitable work which does not pose a danger of harm; and

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1 Whereas, current law prevents some of these per-2 sons from working in occupations which are clearly 3 nonhazardous in nature and these laws cannot be 4 changed in time to allow minors to work during this 5 summer, unless enacted as an emergency; and

6 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, 7 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 8 the Constitution of Maine and require the following 9 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-10 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 11 therefore,

12 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 13 follows:

14 26 MRSA §773, as amended by PL 1975, c. 238, §2, 15 is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the 16 end to read:

17 The provisions of this section pertaining to man-18 ufacturing and mechanical establishments shall not 19 apply to minors under 16 years of age who are em-20 ployed on the grounds of a manufacturing or mechanical establishment, but who are assigned nonhazardous 21 22 work which is performed outside of any building in 23 which manufacturing or mechanical operations are un-24 dertaken.

25 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited 26 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-27 proved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

29 This bill enables minors under the age of 16 30 years to work for manufacturing or mechanical estab-31 lishments, provided that they perform only 32 nonhazardous work in a location outside of any build-33 ing in which the manufacturing or mechanical opera-34 tions are undertaken.

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