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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PINEAU of Jay.
Cosponsored by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland and Senator ESTY of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Regulate the Working Hours of Minors.



Вe	it	enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:

26 MRSA §774, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. A, §102, is further amended to read:

§774. -- hours of employment

No A minor under 16 18 years of age shall may not be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about or in connection with any gainful occupation for more than 8 20 hours in any ene-day, or fer-more-than-48-hours-in-any-one calendar week, or for more than 6-censecutive-days-in-any-one-week a total of 12 hours Monday through Friday, or for more than a total of 12 hours Saturday and Sunday.

No-minor-under-16-years-of-age,-enrolled-in-school,-shall-be employed,--permitted--or--suffered--to--work--in,--about--or--in connection-with-any-gainful-occupation-for-more-than-4-hours-on-a school-day,--or-for-more-than-28-hours-in-any-one-week,--or-for more-than-6-consecutive-days-in-any-one-week-when-the-school-is in-session,-except-as-provided.

A minor under 18 years of age may not be employed between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. from Sunday to Thursday, and a minor under 17 years of age may not be employed between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. from Sunday to Thursday.

No <u>A</u> minor under 15 years of age shall may not be employed between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Friday or Saturday and no <u>a</u> minor 15 years of age who has not yet attained his-l6th birthday 16 years of age may not be employed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Friday or Saturday.

Work performed in the planting, cultivating or harvesting of field crops or other agricultural employment not in direct contact with hazardous machinery or hazardous substances, or any occupation that does not offer continuous, year-round employment shall-be is exempt from this section, provided a minor under 16 years of age has been excused by the local superintendent of schools in accordance with the policy established by the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the Bureau of Labor.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill decreases the total hours that minors may work in any calendar week and also prohibits certain minors from working night hours.