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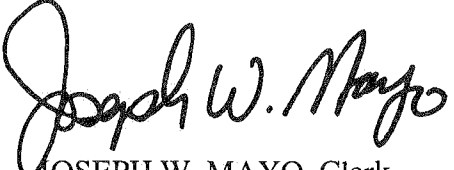
No. 177

H.P. 135

House of Representatives, January 14, 1997

An Act to Amend the Child Labor Laws to Prohibit Minors 14 Years of Age from Working in a Restaurant or Eating Place.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WINSOR of Norway.
Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Franklin.

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

4 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §771-A is enacted to read:

6 §771-A. Minors 14 years of age; prohibited in certain places

8 A minor 14 years of age may not be employed or permitted to
10 work in, about or in connection with a restaurant or eating
12 establishment, including a retail establishment where frozen
14 dairy products are manufactured on the premises. This section
does not apply to a minor who is employed directly by, with or
under the supervision of either or both of the minor's parents or
to a minor employed in school lunch programs, if the minor is
limited to serving food and cleaning up dining rooms.

16 Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §773, 2nd ¶ is amended to read:

18 The provisions of this section pertaining to manufacturing
20 establishments shall do not apply to minors under ~~16~~ 15 years of
22 age who are employed in retail establishments where any frozen
dairy product or frozen dairy product mix or related food product
is manufactured on the premises, regardless of trade name or
brand or coined name.

24 Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §773, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 238,
26 §2, is further amended to read:

28 The provisions of this section pertaining to hotels shall do
30 not apply to minors under 16 years of age who are employed in
outdoor occupations on the grounds of a hotel or to minors 15
32 years of age who are employed in kitchens, dining rooms, lobbies
and offices of a hotel. Minors 15 years of age are expressly
34 prohibited from working in an area not listed as permitted and
are expressly prohibited from performing room service, making
36 deliveries of any sort to the hotel rooms or entering the
hallways to those rooms.

38 Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §773, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 520,
40 §1, is repealed.

42 SUMMARY

44 This bill amends the child labor laws to prohibit minors 14
years of age from working in a restaurant or eating place.