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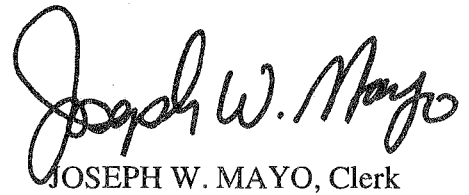
No. 1977

H.P. 1413

House of Representatives, January 14, 1998

**An Act to Revise the Hazardous Occupations Provisions of the Child
Labor Laws.**

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LEMAIRE of Lewiston, RINES of Wiscasset, Senator:
CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §772, as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, §159, is further amended to read:

§772. Minors under 18

No A minor under 18 years of age shall ~~may not~~ be employed ~~in,--about-or-in-connection-with-any-manufacturing-or-mechanical establishment,--laundry,--dry-cleaning-establishment-or-bakery~~ in any capacity that the director determines to be hazardous, dangerous to his life or limbs, injurious to morals or ~~where-his~~ when the minor's health will would be injured. The director shall adopt rules to develop and maintain a list of occupations not suitable for employment of a minor. The rules must conform as far as practicable to the child labor provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 United States Code, Section 212 and any associated regulations. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. This section shall does not apply to minors in public and approved private schools wherein where mechanical equipment is installed and operated primarily for purposes of instruction.

SUMMARY

This bill strikes the statutory list of hazardous occupations and requires the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards to establish by rule a list of hazardous occupations. Minors under 18 years of age will be prohibited from working in those occupations. The list must conform as far as practicable to the child labor provisions enforced by the United States Department of Labor.