

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 8, 2003

### An Act to Amend the Child Labor Laws

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 131,  
§1, is further amended to read:

6       **1. Minors under 18 years of age.** A minor under 18 years of  
age, enrolled in school, may not be employed as follows:

8           A. More than 50 60 hours in any week when school is not in  
10 session;

12           B. More than 20 40 hours in any week when school is in  
14 session, ~~except that the minor may work up to 8 hours on~~  
~~each day that an authorized school closure occurs up to a~~  
16 ~~total of 28 hours in that week. In addition, the maximum~~  
~~weekly hours a minor may work is 50 hours during any week~~  
18 ~~that the approved school calendar is less than 3 days or~~  
~~during the first or last week of the school calendar,~~  
20 ~~regardless of how many days school is in session for the~~  
week. If requested, a school must provide verification of  
22 its closings to the minor's employer or the Department of  
Labor;

24           C. More than 10 12 hours in any day when school is not in  
session;

26           D. More than 4 8 hours in any day when school is in  
28 session, ~~except that the minor may work up to 8 hours on the~~  
~~last scheduled day of the school week;~~

30           E. More than 6 13 consecutive days;

32           F. After 10 p.m. on a day preceding a school day ~~or after~~  
34 ~~12 midnight on a day that does not precede a school day; or~~

36           G. Before 7 a.m. on a school day ~~or before 5 a.m. on a day~~  
~~that is not a school day.~~

38       **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 434,  
40 §4, is further amended to read:

42       **2. Minors under 16 years of age.** A minor under 16 years of  
age may not be employed as follows:

44           A. More than 40 hours in any week when school is not in  
46 session;

48           B. More than 18 20 hours in any week when school is in  
session;

50           C. More than 8 hours in any day when school is not in  
52 session;

2 D. More than 3 4 hours in any day when school is in  
session;

4 E. More than 6 13 consecutive days; or

6 F. Between the hours of ~~7 p.m. and 7 a.m. except during~~  
8 ~~summer vacation, when that minor may not work between the~~  
hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

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### SUMMARY

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16 This bill increases the number of hours per day and per week  
and expands the hours of the day that a minor may work.