

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 9

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to amend chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes relating
to Employment of Minors in Manufacturing or Mechanical
Establishments in this State.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Section 52 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out the word "twelve" in the
3 first line of said section and substituting therefor the word
4 'fourteen' so that said section as amended shall read:

'Sect. 52. No child under fourteen years of age, shall be
6 employed in any manufacturing or mechanical establishment
7 in the state. Whoever, either for himself, or as superin-
8 tendent, overseer or agent of another, employs or has in his
9 employment any child in violation of the provisions of this

10 section, and every parent or guardian who permits any child
11 to be so employed, shall be punished by a fine of not less
12 than twenty-five, nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.'

Sect. 2. Section 53 of said chapter 40 is hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes is hereby
2 amended by inserting as section 53 of said chapter the
3 following:

'Sect. 53. Any child over fourteen years of age, and under
5 sixteen years of age, applying for employment in any manu-
6 facturing or mechanical establishment in this state, or any
7 person applying in his behalf, shall produce and present to
8 the owner, superintendent or overseer of such establishment
9 a certified copy of the town clerk's record of the birth of
10 such child, or a certified copy of his baptismal record show-
11 ing the date of his birth, or his passport showing said date
12 of birth, and without the production and presentation of said
13 town record, baptismal record or passport, such child shall
14 not receive the employment applied for. The employer shall
15 retain such town record, baptismal record or passport and
16 shall issue to such child a certificate containing the name of
17 the child, the name of his parents, if living, or guardian if
18 any, with the residence of said child, parent or guardian, and
19 such other facts as may be required by the inspector of fac-
20 tories, workshops, mines and quarries, which certificate shall
21 be furnished in blank by said inspector and shall be approved
22 as to form by the attorney general. The employer shall
23 furnish to said inspector a copy of each certificate thus
24 issued immediately after the issuance of the original, which
25 copy shall be retained by the inspector upon a file prepared
26 for that purpose. When such child leaves such employ-

27 ment the employer shall return to such child the copy of
28 town record, baptismal record or passport furnished by him
29 as aforesaid and shall immediately notify said inspector that
30 such child has left his employment, and the date of such
31 leaving. The inspector of factories, workshops, mines and
32 quarries, or either of his assistants, may demand the names
33 of the children under sixteen years of age employed in such
34 establishment, in the several cities and towns of the state,
35 and may require that the certificates of age prescribed in this
36 section, shall be produced for his inspection, and a failure to
37 produce the same, shall be prima facie evidence that the
38 employment of such child is illegal.'

Sect. 4. Section 55 and section 56 of said chapter 40 are
2 hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 16, 1907.

Reported by Mr. RICE from Committee on Labor and ordered printed
(750 copies) and recommitted.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*