

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 101

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes relating  
to employment of minors in manufacturing or mechanical  
establishments in this State.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-two of chapter forty of the  
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word  
3 "twelve" in the first line of said section and substituting  
4 therefor the word 'fourteen', also by striking out the words  
5 "and every parent or guardian who permits any child to be  
6 so employed," so that said section as amended shall read:

'Sect. 52. No child under fourteen years of age, shall be  
8 employed in any manufacturing or mechanical establish-  
9 ment in the State. Whoever, either for himself, or as super-

10 intendent, overseer or agent of another, employs or has in  
11 his employment any child in violation of the provisions of  
12 this section, shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
13 twenty-five, nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.'

Sect. 2. Sections fifty-three, fifty-four and fifty-five of  
2 said chapter forty are hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. Chapter forty of the Revised Statutes is hereby  
2 amended by inserting as section fifty-three of said chapter  
3 the 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  
13 said town record, baptismal record or passport, such child  
14 shall not receive the employment applied for. The employer  
15 shall retain such town record, baptismal record or passport  
16 and shall issue to such child a certificate containing the name  
17 of the child, the name of his parents, if living, or guardian,  
18 if any, with the residence of said child, parent or guardian,  
19 and such other facts as may be required by the inspector of  
20 factories, workshops, mines and quarries, which certificate  
21 shall be furnished in blank by said inspector and shall be

22 approved as to form by the attorney general. The employer  
23 shall 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 employment  
27 the employer shall return to such child the copy of town  
28 record, baptismal record or passport furnished by him as  
29 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, and  
35 may require that the certificates of age prescribed in this  
36 section, shall be produced for his inspection, and a failure  
37 to produce the same, shall be prima facie evidence that the  
38 employment of such child is illegal.'

Sect. 4. Said chapter forty is further amended by insert-  
2 ing as section fifty-four the following:

'Sect. 54. The penalties provided by section fifty-two of  
4 this chapter shall apply to all provisions of section fifty-three.  
5 It shall be the duty of the inspector of factories, workshops,  
6 mines and quarries, and of his assistants to investigate and  
7 prosecute all violations of the provisions of the two preced-  
8 ing sections.'

Sect. 5. Section fifty-six of said chapter forty is hereby  
2 amended by renumbering the same as section fifty-five and  
3 by striking out the word "eight" in the first line thereof and

4 inserting in place thereof the word 'seven' and also by  
5 adding to said section the following: 'provided, however,  
6 the employment of children therein shall be under the super-  
7 vision of said inspector who shall on complaint investigate  
8 the sanitary conditions, hours of labor and other conditions  
9 detrimental to children, and if he finds detrimental conditions  
10 to exist, he may prohibit the employment of children therein  
11 until such conditions are removed," so that said section as  
12 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 55. Nothing in the seven preceding sections shall  
14 apply to any manufacturing establishment or business, the  
15 materials and products of which are perishable and require  
16 immediate labor thereon, to prevent decay thereof or damage  
17 thereto. Provided however, the employment of children  
18 therein shall be under the supervision of said inspector who  
19 shall on complaint investigate the sanitary conditions, hours  
20 of labor and other conditions detrimental to children, and if  
21 he finds detrimental conditions to exist, he may prohibit the  
22 employment of children therein until such conditions are  
23 removed.'

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect September first, nine-  
2 teen hundred and seven.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 15, 1907.

Reported by Mr. AYER from Committee on Labor, and laid on table  
to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.