

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 288

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend Section 48 of Chapter 40 of the Revised  
Statutes relating to the hours of labor of women and chil-  
dren.

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

Section 1. Section 48 of chapter 40 of the revised stat-  
utes is hereby amended by striking out the word sixty in  
line eight thereof and substituting therefor the words  
fifty-eight, so that section 48 as hereby amended shall read  
as follows:

No female minor under eighteen years of age, no male mi-  
nor under sixteen years of age, and no woman shall be em-  
ployed in laboring in any manufacturing or mechanical es-  
tablishment in the State, more than ten hours in any one

10 day, except when it is necessary to make repairs to pre-  
11 vent the interruption of the ordinary running of the ma-  
12 chinery, or when a different apportionment of the hours of  
13 labor is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's  
14 work for one day of the week ; and in no case shall the hours  
15 of labor exceed fifty-eight in a week ; and no male person  
16 sixteen years and over shall be so employed as above, more  
17 than ten hours a day during minority, unless he voluntarily  
18 contracts to do so with the consent of his parents, or one of  
19 them, if any, or guardian, and in such case he shall receive  
20 extra compensation for his services ; provided, however,  
21 that any female of eighteen years of age or over, may law-  
22 fully contract for such labor for any number of hours in  
23 excess of ten hours a day, not exceeding six hours in any  
24 one week, or sixty hours in any one year, receiving addi-  
25 tional compensation therefor ; but during her minority, the  
26 consent of her parents, or one of them, or guardian, shall be  
27 first obtained.

This act shall take effect January 1st, 1910.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 24, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BEALS from Committee on Labor and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*