

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 4

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Sect. 48 of Chapt. 40 of the Revised Statutes
relating to the hours of labor of women and children.

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

Section 1. Sect. 48 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out the word "sixty" in line
3 8 thereof and substituting therefor the words 'fifty-eight,'
4 and by striking out the word "sixty" in the fifteenth line
5 thereof and substituting therefor the words 'fifty-eight,' so
6 that Section 48 as hereby amended shall read as follows:

'No female minor under eighteen years of age, no male minor
8 under sixteen years of age, and no woman shall be employed

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

January 13, 1909.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Labor and on motion by Mr. LOONEY of Cumberland, laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*