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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 490

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C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section forty-eight of chapter forty of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter seventy of the Public Laws of 1909 relating to the hours of employment of women and children.

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

Section 1. Section forty-eight of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1909 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'Nothing in this section shall apply to any manufacturing establishment or business, the materials and products of which are perishable and require immediate labor thereon, to prevent decay thereof or damage thereto,' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 48. No female minor under eighteen years of age,

10 no male minor under sixteen years of age, and no woman
11 shall be employed in laboring in any manufacturing or me-
12 chanical establishment in the state, more than ten hours in
13 any one day, except when it is necessary to make repairs to
14 prevent the interruption of the ordinary running of the ma-
15 chinery, or when a different apportionment of the hours of
16 labor is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's
17 work for one day of the week ; and in no case shall the hours
18 of labor exceed fifty-eight in a week ; and no male person
19 sixteen years of age and over shall be so employed as above,
20 more than ten hours a day during minority, unless he vol-
21 untarily contracts to do so with the consent of his parents,
22 or one of them, if any, or guardian, and in such case he shall
23 receive extra compensation for his services ; provided, how-
24 ever, that any female of eighteen years of age or over, may
25 lawfully contract for such labor for any number of hours in
26 excess of ten hours a day, not exceeding six hours in any one
27 week, or sixty hours in any one year, receiving additional
28 compensation therefor ; but during her minority, the consent
29 of her parents, or one of them, or guardian, shall be first ob-
30 tained. Nothing in this section shall apply to any manu-
31 facturing establishment or business, the materials and prod-
32 ucts of which are perishable and require immediate labor
33 thereon, to prevent decay thereof or damage thereto.'

Sect. 2. Sections 55 and 56 of Chapter 40 of the Revised
2 Statutes as existing previous to the enactment of Chapter
3 257 of the Public Laws of 1909 and Section 57 of said chap-
4 ter 40 as enacted by said chapter 257 of the Public Laws of
5 1909 are hereby expressly repealed.