

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 31

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*In Senate, Feb. 2, 1915.*

*Ordered, That one thousand copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Labor.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Colby of Somerset.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 46 of the Public Laws of 1907, and Chapters 70 and 257 of the Public Laws of 1909, relative to the employment of women and children.

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

Section 48 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes is hereby  
2 amended by striking out all of said section, and inserting  
3 in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 48. No female minor under eighteen years of age,  
5 no male minor under sixteen years of age, and no woman  
6 shall be employed in laboring in any manufacturing or me-  
7 chanical establishment in the state, more than nine hours

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

The term "rush orders" as used in this section shall mean  
27 for goods to be delivered on or before a specified day, pro-  
28 vided, in case of any disagreement between employers and  
29 employees as to whether an order is a "rush order" the  
30 matter shall be submitted to a board of arbitration consist-  
31 ing of three men; one of whom shall be chosen by the em-  
32 ployer, one by the employees, and the third by the two so  
33 chosen.

Nothing in this section shall apply to any manufacturing  
35 establishment or business, the materials and products of  
36 which are perishable and require immediate labor thereon,  
37 to prevent decay thereof or damage thereto.'