

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 217

House of Representatives, February 20, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Labor and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Doyle of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Amending the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Fifteen, Chapter Three Hundred Fifty, Entitled "An Act Relative 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 1 of chapter 350 of the public laws of 2 1915 is hereby amended by striking out the word "fifty-
3 four" in the seventh line of said section and inserting in
4 place thereof the word 'forty-eight,' so that said section
5 shall read as follows:

'Section 1. Restrictions on hours of labor for women
2 and minors. No male minor under sixteen years of age,

3 and no female shall be employed in any workshop, factory,
4 manufacturing or mechanical establishment or laundry
5 more than eight hours in any one day; except when a dif-
6 ferent apportionment of the hours of labor is made for the
7 sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day
8 of the week, and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed
9 nine hours in one day or forty-eight hours in a week.'

Sect. 2. Section 3 of said chapter is hereby amended by
2 striking out the word "fifty-four" in the fifth line of said
3 section, and substituting in place thereof the word 'forty-
4 eight,' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. Employment in certain establishments regulated;
2 exceptions. No male minor under sixteen years of age
3 and no female shall be employed in any telephone exchange
4 employing more than three operators or in any mercantile
5 establishment, store, restaurant, telegraph office or by any
6 express or transportation company in the State of Maine
7 more than forty-eight hours in any one week. The provi-
8 sions of this section shall not apply between the seventeenth
9 day of December and the twenty-fourth day of December,
10 both inclusive, and shall not apply during the eight days
11 prior to Easter Sunday to persons employed in millinery
12 shops or stores. In cases of emergency, in which there is
13 danger to property, life, public safety or public health and
14 in cases of extraordinary public requirement the provisions
15 of this act shall not apply to employers engaged in public
16 service.