

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 234

House of Representatives, March 2, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Labor and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jordan of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Section One and Three of Chapter Three Hundred Fifty of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, Relative to the Hours of Employment of Women and Minors.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter three hundred fifty of
2 the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the words "fifty-four" in the
4 seventh line of said section, and inserting in place thereof
5 the words 'forty-eight,' so that said section as amended
6 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 1. No male minor under sixteen years of age, and
2 no female shall be employed in any workshop, factory,
3 manufacturing or mechanical establishment or laundry
4 more than eight hours in any one day; except when a
5 different apportionment of the hours of labor is made for
6 the sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one
7 day of the week; and in no case shall the hours of labor
8 exceed forty-eight in a week.'

Sect. 2. Section three of said chapter three hundred and
2 fifty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen is
3 hereby amended by striking out the words "fifty-four" in
4 the fourth line of said section, and inserting in place
5 thereof the words 'forty-eight,' so that said section as
6 amended shall read as follows:

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

14 provisions of this act shall not apply to employees engaged
15 in public service.'

And further amended by adding the following: 'Pro-
2 vided; That the provisions of this act are in no way to
3 apply to persons with dependents who might be subject to
4 its provisions, in such person having dependents depending
5 upon them for support.'