

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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**Senate Document**

**No. 45**

S. P. 107

In Senate, Feb. 8, 1927.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Smith of Somerset.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend the Revised Statutes, Relating to the  
Employment of Children.

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

Section twenty of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes,  
2 as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-six of the  
3 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended  
4 by chapter one hundred ninety, of the public laws of nine-  
5 teen hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended by adding  
6 in the fourth line thereof after the word "establishment"  
7 the following words: 'bowling alley or poolroom,' and by  
8 adding at the end of the section the words 'no female minor  
9 under eighteen years of age shall be employed as usher or

10 attendant in any theater or moving picture house,' so that  
11 said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed,  
2 permitted or suffered to work in, about, or in connection  
3 with any manufacturing or mechanical establishment, bowl-  
4 ing alley or poolroom. No child under fifteen years of age  
5 shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work at any  
6 business or service for hire, whatever, during the hours that  
7 the public schools of the town or city in which he resides  
8 are in session. No female minor under eighteen years of  
9 age shall be employed as usher or attendant in any theater  
10 or moving picture house.'

Section twenty-one of chapter forty-nine of the revised  
2 statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred forty-six of  
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, as amended  
4 by chapter one hundred ninety of the public laws of nine-  
5 teen hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking  
6 out in the fourteenth line thereof the word "six" and insert-  
7 ing in place thereof the word 'eight,' so that said section  
8 as amended, shall read as follows:

'No minor between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years  
2 shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in any of  
3 the aforementioned occupations unless the person, firm or  
4 corporation employing such child procures and keeps on file  
5 accessible to any truant officer, factory inspector or other  
6 outhorized officer charged with the enforcement of sections  
7 twenty to thirty-one, both inclusive, of this chapter, a work

8 permit issued to said child by the superintendent of schools  
9 of the city or town in which the child resides, or by some  
10 person authorized by him in writing. The person authorized  
11 to issue a work permit shall not issue such permit until such  
12 child has furnished such issuing officer a certificate signed  
13 by the principal of the school last attended showing that  
14 the child can read and write correctly simple sentences in  
15 the English language and that he has satisfactorily com-  
16 pleted the studies covered in the first eight yearly grades of  
17 the elementary public schools, or their equivalent; in case  
18 such certificate cannot be obtained, then the officer issuing  
19 the work permit shall examine such child to determine  
20 whether he can meet the educational standard specified and  
21 shall file in his office a statement setting forth the result of  
22 such examination; nor until he has received, examined, ap-  
23 proved and filed satisfactory evidence of age showing that  
24 the child is fourteen years old or upwards; such evidence  
25 shall consist of a certified copy of the town clerk's record  
26 of the birth of said child, or a certified copy of his baptismal  
27 record, showing the date of his birth and place of baptism,  
28 or a passport showing the date of birth. In the event of  
29 the minor being unable to produce the evidence heretofore  
30 mentioned, and the person authorized to issue the work  
31 permit being satisfied of that fact, the said work permit may  
32 be issued on other documentary evidence of age satisfactory  
33 to the person authorized to issue the work permit, provided  
34 said documentary evidence has been approved by the state

35 commissioner of labor. The superintendent of schools, or  
36 the person authorized to issue such work permit may re-  
37 quire, in doubtful cases, a certificate signed by a physician  
38 appointed by the school board, or, in case there is no school  
39 physician, from the medical officer of the board of health,  
40 stating that such child has been examined by him, and, in  
41 his opinion, has reached the normal development of a child  
42 of its age, and is in sufficiently sound health and physically  
43 able to perform the work which he intends to do. The state  
44 factory inspector, his deputy or agent, may require a similar  
45 certificate in doubtful cases of the minors employed under  
46 a work permit. A work permit when duly issued shall ex-  
47 cuse such child from attendance at public schools; but no  
48 person shall issue such permit to any minor then in or about  
49 to enter his employment or the employment of the firm or  
50 corporation of which he is a member, stockholder, officer  
51 or employee.'

Section thirty-three of chapter forty-nine of the revised  
2 statutes, as amended by chapter four of the public laws of  
3 nineteen hundred seven, is hereby further amended by in-  
4 serting after the word "minute" in the sixth line thereof,  
5 the following words: 'or shall employ any female under  
6 eighteen years of age to have the care, custody, management  
7 or operation of any elevator in any hotel, lodging house or  
8 apartment house,' so that said section, as amended, shall  
9 read as follows:

1 'No person, firm or corporation shall employ or permit any  
2 person under fifteen years of age to have the care, custody,  
3 management or operation of any elevator, or shall employ  
4 a person under eighteen years of age to have the care, cus-  
5 tody, management or operation of any elevator running at a  
6 speed of over two hundred feet a minute, or shall employ  
7 any female under eighteen years of age to have the care,  
8 custody, management or operation of any elevator in any  
9 hotel, lodging house or apartment house. Whoever violates  
10 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
11 twenty-five, nor more than one hundred dollars, for each  
12 offense.'