

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 410

H. P. 933 House of Representatives, Feb. 6, 1931.
Referred to Committee on Labor and 500 copies ordered
printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Palmer of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Regulating Employment of Females.

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

Section 1. Hours of labor of females. Section twenty-one of chapter fifty-four is hereby amended by striking out in line two thereof after the word "establishment" the words "or laundry," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 21. Females not to be employed more than nine hours a day; minors under sixteen years of age not to be employed more than eight hours a day; exceptions. No female shall be employed in any workshop, factory, manufacturing or mechanical establishment more than nine hours in any one day; except when a different apportionment of the hours of labor is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day of the week; and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed fifty-four in a week. And no minor under sixteen years of age shall be employed in any of the said establishments or occupations more than eight hours in any one day.'

Sect. 2. Section twenty-three of chapter fifty-four is hereby amended by adding after the word "restaurant" in line four thereof the word 'laundry,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 23. Minors under sixteen and females not to be employed more than fifty-four hours in any one week; exceptions. No male minor under sixteen years of age and no female shall be employed in any telephone exchange employing more than three operators or in any mercantile establishment, store, restaurant, laundry, telegraph office, or by any express or transportation company in the state of Maine more than fifty-four hours in any one week. The provisions of this section shall not apply between the seventeenth day of December and the twenty-fourth day of December both inclusive, and shall not apply during the eight days prior to Easter Sunday to persons employed in millinery shops or stores. In cases of emergency, in which there is danger to property, life, public safety, or public health and in cases of extraordinary public requirement the provisions of sections twenty-one to twenty-seven inclusive shall not apply to employers engaged in public service.'