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House of Representatives, January 29, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Labor and sent up for concurrence. 1,000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Mills of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Limiting the Hours of Labor.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 54, § 21, amended. Section 21 of chapter 54 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 21. Persons not be employed more than 8 hours a day; exceptions. No ~~female person~~ shall be employed in any workshop, factory, manufacturing ~~or~~, mechanical **or mercantile** establishment, more than ~~nine~~ 8 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~~ 48 in a week, **unless provision is made for payment to such person at the rate of time and a half for each hour worked in excess of the above limits.** And no minor under 16 years of age shall be employed in any of the said establishments or occupations more than 8 hours in any one day.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 54, § 23, amended. Section 23 of chapter 54 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 23. Male minors under 16 not to be employed more than 48 hours in any 1 week; exceptions. No male minor under 16 years of age ~~and no~~

~~female~~ shall be employed in any telephone exchange employing more than 3 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~~ 48 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 21 to 27 inclusive shall not apply to employers engaged in public service.'