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House of Representatives, February 4, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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AN ACT Relating to Employment of Females and Minors.

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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. Females not to be employed more than 9 hours a day; minors under 16 years of age not to be employed; exceptions.** No female shall be employed in any workshop, factory, manufacturing or mechanical establishment more than 9 hours in any 1 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 1 day of the week,~~ except in case of emergency when they may, with the consent of the commissioner of labor and industry, be permitted to work more than 9 hours but not to exceed 10 hours in any 1 day; and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed 54 in a any 1 week. ~~And~~ No minor under 16 years of age shall be employed in any of the said establishments or occupations ~~more than 9 hours in any 1 day.~~'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 54, § 18, amended.** Section 18 of chapter 54 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 18. Employment of children under certain ages, regulated.** No child under 14 years of age shall be employed, permitted, or suffered to

work in, about, or in connection with any ~~manufacturing or mechanical establishment~~, bowling-alley, or pool-room. Except as hereinafter provided, no child under 15 years of age shall be employed, permitted, or suffered to work at any business or service for hire, whatever, during the hours that the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session. No minor under 16 years of age shall be employed in any theater or moving picture house as usher or attendant, nor in or about a projection booth.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 54, § 22, amended.** Section 22 of chapter 54 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 22. Hours of labor of children under 16 years of age regulated.** No minor under 16 years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in or in connection with any ~~of the establishments or occupations named in section 21, or in any~~ bowling-alley or pool-room, before the hour of 6:30 o'clock in the morning or after the hour of 6 o'clock in the evening of any 1 day.'