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House of Representatives, March 25, 1943.

Reported by Mr. Brown from Committee on Labor and laid on the table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Employment of Females and Minors.

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 more than 8 hours a day; 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, and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed 10 hours in any 1 day or 54 hours in any 1 week; provided however that during the emergency of war and ending on the declaration of peace, such employee may be employed not in excess of 10 hours in any 1 day, or on agreement between an employer and such employee or her authorized representative, reported to the commissioner of labor and industry within 48 hours thereafter, such employee may be employed in excess of 10 hours in any 1 day, subject in any case to the limitation of 54 hours in any 1 week. ~~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 1 day.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 54, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 54 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 324 of the public laws of 1941, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'provided however that, during the emergency of war and ending on the declaration of peace, such rest period may be adjusted or distributed over the work shift by agreement between an employer and an employee or her authorized representative, subject to the approval of such agreement by the commissioner of labor and industry.'