

# NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

### Legislative Document

## No. 282

H. P. 306 Referred to the Committee on Labor, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Evans of Cornish.

## STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

#### AN ACT Relating to Employment of Minors.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 30, § 23, amended. Section 23 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 23. Employment of minors under 16 years of age prohibited in certain establishments. No minor under 16 years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about or in connection with any manufacturing or mechanical establishment, hotel, rooming house, laundry, dry cleaning establishment, bakery, bowling alley, poolroom, commercial places of amusement, including traveling shows and circuses, or in any theater or moving picture house as usher or attendant nor in or about a projection booth.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 30, § 24, amended. The last paragraph of section 24 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Work performed in agriculture or any occupation that does not offer continuous, year round employment shall be exempt from the provisions of this section, provided a minor under 16 years of age has been excused by the local Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the policy established by the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 30, § 26, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 26 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The provisions of this section shall not apply to minors engaged in work performed in agriculture **or** household work <del>or any occupation that does not</del> offer continuous, year round employment.' Sec. 4. R. S., c. 30, § 42, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 42 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes is hereby amended ot read as follows:

'Any person, firm or corporation, agent or manager of any firm or corporation, who, either for himself or for some firm or corporation, or by himself, or through his agents, servants or foremen, employs, permits or suffers any child to be employed, or to work in violation of any of the provisions of section 22  $\frac{26}{27}$ ,  $\frac{27}{28}$  to 29, inclusive, and sections 40 or 41, or otherwise fails to comply with any of the provisions of said sections, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25, nor more than \$200.'