

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1848.

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and March 16, 1842.

Augusta:

WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1848.

PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1848.

CHAP. 83.**Chapter 83.**

An act regulating the hours of labor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Ten hours a legal day's work.

SECT. 1. In all contracts for labor, ten hours of actual labor shall be a legal day's work; and no person shall be required or holden to perform more than ten hours labor in any one day, except in pursuance of an express contract requiring a greater length of time: *provided* the provisions of this section shall not apply to monthly labor or agricultural employments.

Proviso.

Minor under 16 years not to be employed by any corporation more than ten hours in any one day.

SECT. 2. No minor under the age of sixteen years shall be employed in any labor for any manufacturing or other corporation for more than ten hours in any one day; and if any manufacturer, or agent, or other officer of any corporation, shall employ any such minor in violation of the provisions of this section, he or they shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars; and all fines and forfeitures accruing by virtue of this act shall be paid, one half to the city, town or plantation, where the offense is committed, the other half to the person so held to labor or to their parent or guardian, on complaint to any court competent to try the same.

Penalty.

Fines, to whom paid.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after the twentieth day of April, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

[Approved August 10, 1848.]

Chapter 84.

An act in addition to the sixteenth chapter of the revised statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Persons liable to be enrolled.

SECT. 1. Every able bodied white male citizen resident within this state, who is, or shall be of the age of eighteen years and under the age of forty-five years, excepting persons already exempt from the performance of military duty by the sixteenth chapter of the revised statutes, idiots, lunatics, common drunkards, vagabonds, paupers, and persons convicted of infamous crime in this or any other state, shall be enrolled in the militia. It shall be the duty of assessors of cities, towns and plantations, within this state, to prepare a list annually, of all persons liable to be enrolled, living within their respective

Duty of assessors of cities, towns and plantations.