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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
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OF THE
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purposes; provided also, that each of the said societies shall cause the prohibitory liquor law to be enforced on all grounds over which they have control, and not allow gambling in any form or games of chance on said grounds.'

Approved March 6, 1907.

Chapter 46.

An Act to amend Chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, relating to employment of minors in manufacturing or mechanical establishments in this state.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-two of chapter forty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "twelve" in the first line of said section and substituting therefor the word 'fourteen,' also by striking out the words "and every parent or guardian who permits any child to be so employed," so that said section as amended, shall read:

Section 52,
chapter 40,
R. S.,
amended.

'Section 52. No child under fourteen years of age, shall be employed in any manufacturing or mechanical establishment in the state. Whoever, either for himself, or as superintendent, overseer or agent of another, employs or has in his employment any child in violation of the provisions of this section, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five, nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.'

Child under
fourteen
years of age,
not to be
employed in
any manu-
facturing
establish-
ment.

Section 2. Sections fifty-three, fifty-four and fifty-five of said chapter forty are hereby repealed.

Sections 53,
54 and 55,
chapter 40,
repealed.

Section 3. Chapter forty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting as section fifty-three of said chapter the following:

'Section 53. Any child over fourteen years of age, and under sixteen years of age, applying for employment in any manufacturing or mechanical establishment in this state, or any person applying in his behalf, shall produce and present to the owner, superintendent or overseer of such establishment a certified copy of the town clerk's record of the birth of such child, or a certified copy of his baptismal record showing the date of his birth, or his passport showing said date of birth, and without the production and presentation of said town record, baptismal record or passport, such child shall not receive the employment applied for. The employer shall retain such town record, baptismal record or passport and shall issue to such child a certificate containing the name of the child, the name of his parents, if living, or guardian, if any, with the residence of said child,

Chapter 40,
R. S.,
amended.
Employment
of children
between the
ages of
fourteen and
sixteen.

—employer
shall retain
record and
issue
certificate.

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parent or guardian, and such other facts as may be required by the inspector of factories, workshops, mines and quarries, which certificate shall be furnished in blank by said inspector and shall be approved as to form by the attorney general. The employer shall furnish to said inspector a copy of each certificate thus issued immediately after the issuance of the original, which copy shall be retained by the inspector upon a file prepared for that purpose. When such child leaves such employment the employer shall return to such child the copy of town record, baptismal record or passport furnished by him as aforesaid and shall immediately notify said inspector that such child has left his employment, and the date of such leaving. The inspector of factories, workshops, mines and quarries, or either of his assistants, may demand the names of the children under sixteen years of age employed in such establishment, in the several cities and towns of the state, and may require that the certificates of age prescribed in this section, shall be produced for his inspection, and a failure to produce the same, shall be prima facie evidence that the employment of such child is illegal.'

—shall furnish copy of certificate to inspector.

—names of children employed may be demanded.

Chapter 40, further amended.

Penalties.

—duty of inspector.

Section 4. Said chapter forty is further amended by inserting as section fifty-four the following:

'Section 54. The penalties provided by section fifty-two of this chapter shall apply to all provisions of section fifty-three. It shall be the duty of the inspector of factories, workshops, mines and quarries, and of his assistants to investigate and prosecute all violations of the provisions of the two preceding sections.'

Section 56, chapter 40, amended.

Section 5. Section fifty-six of said chapter forty is hereby amended by renumbering the same as section fifty-five and by striking out the word "eight" in the first line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word 'seven' and also by adding to said section the following: 'Provided, however, the employment of children therein shall be under the supervision of said inspector who shall on complaint investigate the sanitary conditions, hours of labor and other conditions detrimental to children, and if he finds detrimental conditions to exist, he may prohibit the employment of children therein until such conditions are removed,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Certain manufactures not affected.

—proviso.

'Section 55. Nothing in the seven preceding sections shall apply to any manufacturing establishment or business, the materials and products of which are perishable and require immediate labor thereon, to prevent decay thereof or damage thereto. Provided, however, the employment of children therein shall be under the supervision of said inspector who shall on complaint investigate the sanitary conditions, hours of labor and

other conditions detrimental to children and if in his judgment he finds detrimental conditions to exist, he may, in conjunction with the municipal officers of the town or city of which the complaint is made, prohibit the employment of children therein until such conditions are removed.

Section 6. This act shall take effect September first, nineteen hundred and seven.

Approved March 6, 1907.

Chapter 47.

An Act to provide an additional term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Oxford.

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

Section 1. From and after April first, nineteen hundred and seven there shall be three terms of the supreme judicial court held within and for the county of Oxford instead of two terms as now provided by law.

Terms of
S. J. court
in Oxford
county.

The additional term shall be held at Rumford Falls in the town of Rumford on the second Tuesday of May annually.

Section 2. The county commissioners of Oxford county are hereby authorized and directed to at once make necessary provisions to care for the additional term herein provided; also pay to the clerk of courts such sum as is reasonable for extra expense incurred by him by reason of said May term.

County com-
missioners
to make
provisions
for addi-
tional term.

Section 3. Said May term shall be held without a grand jury unless specially ordered by any judge of said court. All recognizances and other criminal processes made returnable to and to have day in said May term when no criminal business is transacted shall be continued to and have day in the next term of said court held in said county.

May term
held without
grand jury.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 9, 1907.