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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE
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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fifth
Legislature

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Chapter 55.

AN Act to amend section forty-eight of Chapter forty of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter seventy of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine relating to the hours of employment of Women and Children.

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

Section 1. Section forty-eight of chapter forty of the revised statutes as amended by chapter seventy of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nine is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'Nothing in this section 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,' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Section 48. No female minor under eighteen years of age, no male minor under sixteen years of age, and no woman shall be employed in laboring in any manufacturing or mechanical establishment in the State, more than ten hours in any one day, except when it is necessary to make repairs to prevent the interruption of the ordinary running of the machinery, or when a different apportionment of the hours of labor is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day of the week; and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed fifty-eight in a week; and no male person sixteen years of age and over shall be so employed as above, more than ten hours a day during minority, unless he voluntarily contracts to do so with the consent of his parents, or one of them, if any, or guardian, and in such case he shall receive extra compensation for his services; provided, however, that any female of eighteen years of age or over, may lawfully contract for such labor for any number of hours in excess of ten hours a day, not exceeding six hours in any one week, or sixty hours in any one year, receiving additional compensation therefor; but during her minority, the consent of her parents, or one of them, or guardian, shall be first obtained. Nothing in this section 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.'

Section 2. Sections fifty-five and fifty-six of chapter forty of the revised statutes as existing previous to the enactment of chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nine and section fifty-seven of said chapter forty as enacted by said chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nine are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 48, chapter 40, R. S., as amended by chapter 70, public laws, 1909, further amended.

Employment of women and minors in manufacturing establishments regulated.

—fifty-eight hours a week.

—males over 16 years of age may contract to work more hours.

—females over 18 years of age may contract to work more hours.

—not to apply to manufacture of perishable products.

Certain sections of chapter 40, R. S., repealed.