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Chapter 146.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-one of Chapter Forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Regulations for Employment of Minors between Fourteen and Sixteen Years Old.

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

R. S., c. 49, § 21, relating to the employment of minors between the ages of fourteen and sixteen. Section twenty-one of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the words: "or a passport showing the" in the twenty-third line of said section, the words 'date of', and inserting after the word "birth" in the same line of said section, the words: 'In the event of the minor being unable to produce the evidence heretofore mentioned, and the person authorized to issue the work permit being satisfied of that fact, the said work permit may be issued on other documentary evidence of age satisfactory to the person authorized to issue the work permit, provided said documentary evidence has been approved by the state commissioner of labor,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 21. Work permit may be produced on documentary evidence approved by commissioner of labor. No minor between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in any of the aforementioned occupations unless the person, firm or corporation employing such child procures and keeps on file accessible to any truant officer, factory inspector or other authorized officer charged with the enforcement of sections twenty to thirty-one, both inclusive, of this chapter, a work permit issued to said child by the superintendent of schools of the city or town in which the child resides, or by some person authorized by him in writing. The person authorized to issue a work permit shall not issue such permit until such child has demonstrated his ability to read at sight and write simple sentences in the English language and perform simple arithmetical problems involving the fundamental processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, such educational test to be prepared and furnished by the superintendent of schools or the school committee of each city and town in the state, or has furnished a certificate to that effect signed by any teacher in any of the public schools of the city or town in which such child resides, or by the principal of any approved private school; nor until he has received, examined, approved and filed satisfactory evidence of age showing that the child is fourteen years old or upwards; such evidence shall consist of a certified copy of the town clerk's record of the birth of said child, or a certified copy of his baptismal record, showing the date of his birth and place of baptism, or a passport showing the date of birth. In the event of the minor being unable to produce the evidence heretofore mentioned, and the person authorized to issue the work permit being satisfied of that fact, the said work permit may be issued on other documentary evidence of age satisfactory to the person authorized to issue the work permit, provided said documentary evidence has been approved by the state commissioner of labor. The superintendent of schools, or the person authorized to issue such work permit may require, in doubt-

ful cases, a certificate signed by a physician appointed by the school board, or, in case there is no school physician, from the medical officer of the board of health, stating that such child has been examined by him, and, in his opinion, has reached the normal development of a child of its age, and is in sufficiently sound health and physically able to perform the work which he intends to do. The state factory inspector, his deputy or agent, may require a similar certificate in doubtful cases of the minors employed under a work permit. A work permit when duly issued shall excuse such child from attendance at public school; but no person shall issue such permit to any minor then in or about to enter his employment or the employment of the firm or corporation of which he is a member, stockholder, officer or employe.'

Approved March 31, 1917.

Chapter 147.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-seven of Chapter Fifty-two of the Revised Statutes and to Permit Savings Banks to Invest in Certain Electric Railroad Bonds.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 52, § 27, relating to investment of deposits of savings banks, amended. Amend section twenty-seven, chapter fifty-two, sub-division third, paragraph f of the revised statutes by striking out all of said paragraph and in place thereof inserting the following:

f, (1): May invest in bonds of electric railroads of state; conditions. In the bonds of electric railroads constructed in this state prior to the twenty-seventh day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and in bonds of electric railroads in this state constructed after said date; provided, an amount of capital stock equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the mortgage debt shall have been paid in, in cash, and expended upon the road evidenced by a certificate of the public utilities commission or of the bank commissioner of this state, filed in the office of the secretary of state, that said percentage has been paid in and expended upon the road in addition to the amount of the bonded debt; provided, further, that in lieu of the foregoing certificate such bonds may be certified as legal for the purpose hereof on satisfactory proof to the bank commissioner that annual dividends in amount equal to five per centum per annum on an amount of capital stock equal to one-third of the bonded debt has been earned and paid for a period of five years next prior thereto.

f, (2): May invest in first mortgage bonds of completed electric roads in certain other states; conditions. In the first mortgage bonds of any completed electric railroad which is located wholly or partly in the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, California, Colorado, Delaware, North Dakota, South Dakota, West Virginia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Oklahoma and Washington; provided, that all certificates hereinafter issued making such bonds legal