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Chapter 171.

An Act to Amend the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Employment of Children.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 49, sec. 20; P. L., 1919, c. 190; relating to employment of children of school age, amended. Section twenty of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety, of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended by adding in the fourth line thereof after the word "establishment" the following words: 'bowling alley or poolroom,' and by adding at the end of the section the words 'no minor under sixteen years of age shall be employed as usher or attendant in any theater or moving picture house,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 20.** Children under fourteen years of age not to be employed in bowling alleys and pool rooms, nor under sixteen in theaters. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about, or in connection with any manufacturing or mechanical establishment, bowling alley or poolroom. No child under fifteen years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work at any business or service for hire, whatever, during the hours that the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session. No minor under sixteen years of age shall be employed as usher or attendant in any theater or moving picture house.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 49, sec. 21; P. L., 1917, c. 146; 1919, c. 119; relating to issuing work permits to children of school age, amended. Section twenty-one of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred forty-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking out in the fourteenth line thereof the word "six" and inserting in place thereof the word 'eight,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 21.** Child must have completed eighth grade studies before given a work permit. 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 furnished such issuing officer a certificate signed by the principal of the school last attended showing that the child can read and write correctly simple sentences in the English language and that he has satisfactorily completed the studies covered in the first eight yearly grades of the elementary public schools, or their equivalent; in case such certificate cannot be obtained, then the officer issuing the work permit shall examine such child to determine whether he can meet the educational standard specified and shall file in his office a statement setting forth the result of such examination; 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 doubtful 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 schools; 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 employee.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 49, sec. 33; relating to management and custody of elevators, amended. Section thirty-three of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "minute" in the sixth line thereof, the following words: 'or shall employ any minor under sixteen years of age to have the care, custody, management or operation of any elevator in any hotel, lodging house or apartment house,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 33. Operators of elevators in hotels and apartment houses must be at least sixteen years of age. No person, firm or corporation shall em-

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ploy or permit any person under fifteen years of age to have the care, custody, management or operation of any elevator, or shall employ a person under sixteen years of age to have the care, custody, management or operation of any elevator running at a speed of over two hundred feet a minute, or shall employ any minor under sixteen years of age to have the care, custody, management or operation of any elevator in any hotel, lodging house or apartment house. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five, nor more than one hundred dollars, for each offense.'

Approved April 15, 1927.

Chapter 172.

An Act to Amend Chapter Two Hundred and Nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-five Relative to Zoning Ordinances.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1925, c. 209, sec. 1; relating zoning ordinances in cities of over 35,000 and in village corporations. Section one of chapter two hundred and nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'**Sec. 1.** Law made applicable to all cities and towns. Cities, towns and village corporations may, by ordinance or by-law, restrict buildings, premises and camping grounds, to be used for particular industries, trades, manufacturing, commercial or other purposes, to specified parts or zones of the city, town or village corporation or may exclude them from specified parts or zones of the city, town or village corporation or provide that such buildings, premises and camping grounds, if situated in certain parts or zones of the city, town or village corporation, shall be subject to special regulation as to their construction or use. A city, town or village corporation may also, by ordinance or by-law, provide that certain kinds of dwelling houses, tenement houses and camping grounds, conducted for private gain, shall be restricted to specified parts or zones of such city, town or village corporation or shall be excluded from specified parts or zones of such city, town or village corporation or that dwelling houses or tenement houses or such camping grounds situated in specified parts or zones of such cities, towns or village corporations shall conform to certain regulations in respect to their construction or use which shall not apply to other buildings, premises or camping grounds in other parts or zones of such city, town or village corporation. For the above purposes, the city, town or village corporation may be divided into zones and the construc-