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Chapter 179.

An Act Relative to the Hours of Employment of Women.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1915, c. 350, sec. 4; relating to continuous employment of females for more than six hours, amended. Section four of chapter three hundred and fifty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: 'but this shall not apply to any telephone exchange where the operator during the night is not required to operate at the switchboard continuously but is able to sleep the major part of the night,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 4.** Not to apply to telephone night operators. No female shall, except in cases of emergency or extraordinary public requirement as provided in section three of this act, be employed or permitted to work for more than six hours continuously at one time in any establishment or occupation named in sections one and three of this act in which three or more such females are employed without an interval of at least one hour; except that such female may be so employed for not more than six and one-half hours continuously at one time if such employment ends not later than half-past one o'clock in the afternoon and if she is then dismissed for the remainder of the day, but this shall not apply to any telephone exchange where the operator during the night is not required to operate at the switchboard continuously but is able to sleep the major part of the night.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1915, c. 350, sec. 5; relating to employment of women and minors; posting of hours; shifts, etc., amended. Section five of chapter three hundred and fifty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen is hereby amended by adding in the fifth line after the word "employed" the words 'except in any telephone exchange employing less than five female operators,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 5.** Telephone exchange employing less than five female operators, excepted. Every employer except those hereinafter designated, shall post and keep posted in a conspicuous place in every room in any establishment or place of occupation named in sections one and three of this act in which females or male minors under sixteen years of age are employed, except in any telephone exchange employing less than five female operators, a printed notice stating the number of hours such females or male minors are required or permitted to work on each day of the week, the hours of beginning and ending, and the recess allowed for meals; provided, however, that every employer engaged in furnishing public service or in any

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other kind of business in respect to which the state department of labor and industry shall find that public necessity or convenience requires the employment of women or male minors as aforesaid by shifts during different periods or parts of the day shall post in a conspicuous place in every room in which such persons are employed, a printed notice stating separately the hours of employment for each shift or tour of duty, and the amount of time allowed for meals. The printed form of such notice shall be furnished by the commissioner of labor and industry and state factory inspector.

The employment of any such female or male minor for a longer time in any day than that stated in the printed notice, or, in case the hours named in such notice are less than as provided in sections one and three of this act, the employment of any such female or male minor for a longer time in any day than as provided in sections one and three of this act, shall be deemed a violation of the provisions of this section except in cases of emergency or extraordinary public requirement as provided in section three of this act, and in such cases no employment in excess of the hours authorized under the provisions of this act shall be considered as legalized until a written report of the day and hour of its occurrence and its duration is sent to the commissioner of labor and industry and state factory inspector. Whenever the nature of the business makes it impracticable to fix the recess allowed for meals at the same time for all females or male minors employed, the commissioner of labor and industry and state factory inspector may issue a permit dispensing with the posting of the hours when the recess allowed for meals begins and ends, and requiring only the posting of the total number of hours which females or male minors are required or permitted to work on each day of the week, and the hours of beginning and stopping such work. Such permit shall be kept by such employer upon such premises, and exhibited to the commissioner of labor and industry and state factory inspector, his deputy, or any authorized agent of the labor department, who is hereby authorized to enforce this act.'

Approved April 2, 1929.

Chapter 180.

An Act to Place the Administration of the Affairs of the Indian Tribes Under the Department of Forestry.

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

Sec. 1. Forest commissioner has supervision over Indian tribes; exceptions. The forest commissioner shall have general supervision over the Indian tribes and shall keep in his office all records pertaining to the tribes