

SENATE No. 249.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 9, 1878.

The Committee of Conference on the matters of disagreement between the two branches in regard to the Bill in addition to "An Act relating to the Employment of Children, and Regulations respecting them," report that the Senate should recede from its amendment, striking out the first three sections of the Bill, and that said sections be adopted in the following form:—

1 SECT. 1. Every owner, superintendent, or over-
2 seer of any manufacturing, mechanical, or mercan-
3 tile establishment in this Commonwealth shall re-
4 quire and keep on file a certificate of the age, and
5 place of birth, of every minor child under the age
6 of sixteen years in his employ, or in the employ of
7 such establishment, so long as such minor shall be
8 so employed; which certificate shall also state, in
9 the case of a minor under the age of fourteen years,
10 the amount of his or her school-attendance during
11 the year next preceding such employment. Said
12 certificate shall be made by or under the direction
13 of the school committee of the place where such
14 attendance has been had, or where such establish-
15 ment is located.

1 SECT. 2. In case no such certificate shall have
 2 been required by such owner, superintendent, or
 3 overseer, then such employment shall be deemed
 4 to have been a violation of the second section of
 5 chapter fifty-two of the acts of the year eighteen
 6 hundred and seventy-six.

1 SECT. 3. The truant-officers may demand the
 2 names of the minor children under the age of six-
 3 teen years employed in the establishments above
 4 named in their several cities and towns, and may
 5 require that the certificates of age and school-
 6 attendance prescribed in this act shall be produced
 7 for their inspection; and, if the name and certificate
 8 as aforesaid be not produced in any case, it shall
 9 be *prima facie* evidence that the employment of such
 10 child is illegal.

The Committee further report that the House should con-
 cur with the Senate in its amendments to the fourth section
 of the Bill.

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Of the Senate.

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 JAMES H. MELLEN,
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Of the House.

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Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

GEO. A. MARDEN, *Clerk.*