

SENATE No. 711

To accompany the petition of Donald L. Gibbs and Michael J. Carroll for legislation to regulate the meal period requirement of women and minors employed in certain industries. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

AN ACT REGULATING THE MEAL PERIOD REQUIREMENT OF WOMEN AND MINORS EMPLOYED IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 100, as most recently amended by chapter
3 723 of the acts of 1957, and inserting in place thereof the fol-
4 lowing section:— *Section 100.* No woman and no minor under
5 eighteen years of age shall be employed for more than six hours
6 at one time in a factory, manufacturing, mechanical establish-
7 ment, or workshop without an interval of at least thirty minutes
8 for a meal. No woman and no minor under eighteen years of
9 age shall be employed in a mercantile establishment for more
10 than six hours at any one time without an interval of at least
11 forty-five minutes for a meal. An employer, superintendent,
12 overseer or agent who violates any provision of this section or
13 section ninety-nine shall be punished by a fine of not less than
14 fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

