

SENATE No. 47

To accompany the petition of George A. Long relative to hours of employment of women and minors in textile industries. Labor and Industry.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

AN ACT

Relative to the Hours of Labor of Women and
Minors.

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

1 Section fifty-nine of chapter one hundred and
2 forty-nine of the General Laws is hereby amended
3 by changing the period at the end of the first
4 sentence thereof to a comma and adding to said
5 first sentence the following: — except that when
6 two shifts per day are operated employment of
7 women as above shall be permitted between the
8 hours of six o'clock in the morning and eleven
9 o'clock in the evening, — so that said section
10 shall read as follows: — *Section 59.* No person,
11 and no agent or officer of a person, shall employ
12 a woman over twenty-one in any capacity for the
13 purpose of manufacturing before six o'clock in

14 the morning or after ten o'clock in the evening,
15 or in the manufacture of textile goods after six
16 o'clock in the evening, except that when two
17 shifts per day are operated employment of women
18 as above shall be permitted between the hours of
19 six o'clock in the morning and eleven o'clock in
20 the evening. Whoever violates any provision of
21 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less
22 than twenty nor more than fifty dollars.

23 Section sixty-five of chapter one hundred and
24 forty-nine of the General Laws is hereby amended
25 by changing the period at the end of the first
26 sentence thereof to a comma and adding to said
27 first sentence the following: — except that when
28 two shifts per day are operated employment of
29 minors as above shall be permitted between the
30 hours of six o'clock in the morning and eleven
31 o'clock in the evening, — so that said section
32 shall read as follows: — *Section 65.* No person
33 shall employ a minor under sixteen or permit him
34 to work in, about or in connection with any
35 establishment or occupation named in section
36 sixty, or for which an employment certificate is
37 required, for more than six days in any one week,
38 or more than forty-eight hours in any one week,
39 or more than eight hours in any one day, or,
40 except as provided in section sixty-nine, before
41 half past six o'clock in the morning, or after six
42 o'clock in the evening, except that when two
43 shifts per day are operated employment of minors
44 as above shall be permitted between the hours
45 of six o'clock in the morning and eleven o'clock

46 in the evening. The time spent by such a minor
47 in a continuation school or course of instruction
48 as required by section twenty-two of chapter
49 seventy-one shall be reckoned as a part of the
50 time he is permitted to work.

51 Section sixty-six of chapter one hundred and
52 forty-nine of the General Laws is hereby amended
53 by changing the semicolon at the end of the first
54 clause thereof to a comma and adding to said first
55 clause the following:—except that when two
56 shifts per day are operated employment of boys
57 and girls as above shall be permitted between the
58 hours of six o'clock in the morning and eleven
59 o'clock in the evening, — so that said section shall
60 read as follows:—*Section 66.* No person shall
61 employ a boy under eighteen or a girl under
62 twenty-one or permit such a boy or girl to work in,
63 about or in connection with any establishment
64 or occupation named in section sixty before five
65 o'clock in the morning or after ten o'clock in the
66 evening, or in the manufacture of textile goods
67 after six o'clock in the evening, except that when
68 two shifts per day are operated employment of
69 boys and girls as above shall be permitted between
70 the hours of six o'clock in the morning and eleven
71 o'clock in the evening; provided, that girls under
72 twenty-one may be employed as operators in
73 regular service telephone exchanges until, but not
74 after, eleven o'clock in the evening.

