

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1833**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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SENATE, November 15, 1990.

The committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Bill authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industries to suspend the operation of certain labor laws (Senate, No. 1617) reports, in part, a "Bill authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industries to suspend the operation of certain labor laws" (Senate, No. 1833).

For the committee,

WALTER J. BOVERINI.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN LABOR LAWS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to immediately authorize the  
3 commissioner of labor and industries to suspend the operation  
4 of certain labor laws, therefore it is hereby declared to be an  
5 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
6 public convenience.

*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 1. The commissioner of labor and industries is  
2 hereby authorized, in conformity with Article XX of Part the First  
3 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, to suspend the  
4 application or operation of any provision of chapter one hundred  
5 and forty-nine of the General Laws or any rule or regulation made  
6 thereunder, regulating, limiting or prohibiting the employment of  
7 persons, or of minors over the age of sixteen, or both. The  
8 commissioner shall exercise this authority when he finds, after  
9 opportunity has been given to interested parties to be heard, that  
10 an emergency exists or that conditions of hardship in an industry,  
11 branch of an industry, or individual establishment require or  
12 justify the suspension of any provision of such laws, rules or  
13 regulations. Suspensions issued by the commissioner shall  
14 prescribe, and may be either granted or limited to, one or more  
15 particular industry or branch of industry. The commissioner shall  
16 appoint industry advisory committees, on which employers and  
17 employees shall be equally represented, to consult and advise him  
18 in matters relating to the suspension authorized by this act.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July first, nineteen  
2 hundred and ninety and shall expire on July first, nineteen  
3 hundred and ninety-two.