

HOUSE No. 352

By Mr. Capeless of Pittsfield, petition of Matthew J. Capeless for amendment of the law relative to employment of women and minors in manufacturing establishments. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT 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 1. Section fifty-nine of chapter one hun-
2 dred and forty-nine, Tercentenary Edition of Gen-
3 eral Laws, is hereby amended by striking out, in the
4 third line, the words "six" and "ten" and inserting
5 in place thereof the words:—seven and eleven,—
6 so as to read as follows:— *Section 59.* No person,
7 and no agent or officer of a person, shall employ a
8 woman over twenty-one in any capacity for the pur-
9 pose of manufacturing before seven o'clock in the
10 morning or after eleven o'clock in the evening, or
11 in the manufacture of textile goods after six o'clock
12 in the evening. Whoever violates any provision of
13 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less
14 than fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Section sixty-six of chapter one hun-
2 dred and forty-nine, Tercentenary Edition of General
3 Laws, is hereby amended by striking out, in fourth
4 line, the words "five" and "ten" and inserting in
5 their places the words:— seven and eleven, — so as
6 to read as follows:— *Section 66.* No person shall
7 employ a boy under eighteen or a girl under twenty-
8 one or permit such a boy or girl to work in, about or
9 in connection with any establishment or occupation
10 named in section sixty before seven o'clock in the
11 morning or after eleven o'clock in the evening, or in
12 the manufacture of textile goods after six o'clock in
13 the evening, provided that girls under twenty-one
14 may be employed as operators in regular service
15 telephone exchange until but not after eleven o'clock
16 in the evening.