

HOUSE No. 236.

[Bill accompanying the petition of James F. Carey for legislation further to regulate the employment of minors, Labor. Jan. 22.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

To regulate the Employment of 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 twenty-eight of chapter
2 one hundred and six of the Revised Laws is
3 hereby amended by striking out the word "four-
4 teen," in the first line thereof, and substituting
5 the word: — sixteen, — so as to read as follows: —
6 *Section 1.* No child under sixteen years of
7 age shall be employed in any factory, workshop
8 or mercantile establishment. No such child shall
9 be employed in any work performed for wages or
10 other compensation, to whomsoever payable, dur-

11 ing the hours when the public schools of the town
12 or city in which he resides are in session, nor be
13 employed at any work before the hour of six o'clock
14 in the morning or after the hour of seven o'clock
15 in the evening.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-five of said chapter
2 is hereby amended by striking out the word
3 "fourteen," in the second line thereof, and sub-
4 stituting the word: — sixteen, — so as to read as
5 follows: —

6 *Section 7.* No person shall employ any minor
7 over sixteen years of age, and no parent,
8 guardian or custodian shall permit to be em-
9 ployed any such minor under his control who
10 cannot read at sight and write legibly simple
11 sentences in the English language while a public
12 evening school is maintained in the town or city
13 in which such minor resides, unless such minor is
14 a regular attendant at such evening school or at
15 a day school: *provided*, that upon presentation by
16 such minor of a certificate signed by a regular
17 practising physician, and satisfactory to the super-
18 intendent of schools, or, where there is no superin-
19 tendent of schools, the school committee, showing
20 that the physical condition of such minor would
21 render such attendance in addition to daily labor
22 prejudicial to his health, said superintendent of
23 schools or school committee shall issue a permit
24 authorizing the employment of such minor for
25 such period as said superintendent of schools or
26 school committee may determine. Said superin-

27 tendent of schools or school committee, or teachers
28 acting under authority thereof, may excuse any
29 absence from such evening school arising from
30 justifiable cause. Any person who employs a
31 minor in violation of the provisions of this section
32 shall forfeit for each offence not more than one
33 hundred dollars for the use of the evening schools
34 of such town or city. Any parent, guardian or
35 custodian who permits to be employed any minor
36 under his control in violation of the provisions of
37 this section shall forfeit not more than twenty
38 dollars for the use of the evening schools of such
39 town or city.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the
2 first day of September, in the year nineteen hun-
3 dred and two.

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