

HOUSE No. 907

Bill accompanying the petition of John T. Crowley relative to the duration of meal hours for women and minors employed in factories and workshops. Social Welfare. January 15.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

Providing for a Meal Hour of at least Forty-five Minutes for all Women and Persons under Eighteen Years of Age employed in Factories.

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 sixty-eight of chapter five hundred
2 and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
3 nine is hereby amended by substituting therefor the
4 following:— *Section 68.* No woman or person under
5 eighteen years of age shall be employed for more than
6 six hours at one time in a factory or workshop in which
7 five or more such persons are employed without an in-
8 terval of a least forty-five minutes for a meal; but such
9 person may be so employed for not more than six and
10 one half hours at one time if such employment ends not
11 later than one o'clock in the afternoon and if he or she

12 is then dismissed from the factory or workshop for the
13 remainder of the day; or for not more than seven and
14 one half hours at one time if he or she is allowed suf-
15 ficient opportunity for eating a lunch during the con-
16 tinuance of such employment and if such employment
17 ends not later than two o'clock in the afternoon, and
18 he or she is then dismissed from the factory or workshop
19 for the remainder of the day.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

