

HOUSE No. 369

Bill accompanying the petition of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for a reduction in the hours of labor of employees in paper mills. Social Welfare. January 8.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

To regulate the Hours of Labor of Certain Employees in
Paper Mills operating Day and Night.

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. No person who is employed as a tour
2 worker in any paper mill which is in operation both day
3 and night, either continuously or intermittently, shall,
4 except in case of emergency, be required, requested or
5 permitted to work more than forty-eight hours in any one
6 week nor more than eight hours in any one calendar day.

1 SECTION 2. Only a case of danger to property, to life,
2 to public safety or to public health shall be considered a
3 case of emergency within the meaning of this act, except
4 in case of employment for the repair, renewal, adjust-
5 ment or care of machinery or appliances in order to

6 maintain the same in continuous operation and except
7 in case of employment of a tour worker in substitution
8 for and in the temporary absence of another.

1 SECTION 3. For the purpose of this act the expres-
2 sion "tour workers" shall mean all employees who tend
3 or are employed for the purpose of tending machinery
4 or appliances of any description which are operated both
5 day and night, either continuously or intermittently, and
6 shall be deemed to include machine tenders and their
7 helpers, cutter tenders and all other persons whose
8 attendance is required in consequence of the continuity
9 of operation of such machinery or appliances.

1 SECTION 4. Any owner, superintendent or other agent
2 in any such paper mill who requires, requests or permits
3 any person therein employed as a tour worker to work
4 more hours than herein specified during any one calendar
5 day or during any one week, except in case of emergency
6 as herein defined, shall be punished by a fine of not less
7 than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for
8 each offense.

1 SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the state board of
2 labor and industries to receive complaints concerning
3 alleged violations of this act and to make or direct there-
4 upon all needful and proper investigations and prosecu-
5 tions.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on the first day
2 of September in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen.

