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An Act To Establish Working Hours and Wages for Teenagers

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Minors under 17 years of age. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, the minimum wage for a minor under 17 years of age is \$5.25 per hour.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2003, c. 53, §1, is further amended to read:

B. More than ~~20~~30 hours in any week when the minor's school is in session, except that the minor may work up to 8 hours on each day that an authorized school closure occurs in that minor's school ~~up to a total of 28 hours in that week.~~ In addition, the maximum weekly hours a minor may work is 50 hours during any week that the approved school calendar for the minor's school is less than 3 days or during the first or last week of the school calendar, regardless of how many days the minor's school is in session for the week. If requested, a school must provide verification of its closings to the minor's employer or the Department of Labor;

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 544, §5, is amended to read:

B. More than ~~18~~22 hours in any week when school is in session;

SUMMARY

This bill sets the minimum wage for a minor under 17 years of age at \$5.25 per hour, increases from 20 to 30 the hours a minor under 18 years of age may work during a week while school is in session and increases from 18 to 22 the hours a minor under 16 years of age may work during a week while school is in session.