

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, APRIL 25, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 13, 1915 (P.L.286, No.177), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act to provide for the health, safety, and  
3 welfare of minors; By forbidding their employment or work in  
4 certain establishments and occupations, and under certain  
5 specified ages; by restricting their hours of labor, and  
6 regulating certain conditions of their employment; by  
7 requiring employment certificates for certain minors, and  
8 prescribing the kinds thereof, and the rules for the  
9 issuance, reissuance, filing, return, and recording of the  
10 same; by providing that the Industrial Board shall, under  
11 certain conditions, determine and declare whether certain  
12 occupations are within the prohibitions of this act;  
13 requiring certain abstracts and notices to be posted;  
14 providing for the enforcement of this act by the Secretary of  
15 Labor and Industry, the representative of school districts,  
16 and police officers; and defining the procedure in  
17 prosecutions thereunder, and establishing certain  
18 presumptions in relation thereto; providing for the issuance  
19 of special permits for minors engaging in the entertainment  
20 and related fields; providing penalties for the violation of  
21 the provisions thereof; and repealing all acts or parts of  
22 acts inconsistent therewith," eliminating the requirement of  
23 a physical examination to obtain an employment certificate.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 12, act of May 13, 1915  
27 (P.L.286, No.177), known as the "Child Labor Law," amended July  
28 19, 1935 (P.L.1335, No.418), is hereby repealed.

1 Section 2. Section 14 of the act, amended January 26, 1966  
2 (1965 P.L.1590, No.559), is hereby repealed.

3 Section 3. Section 17 of the act, amended August 23, 1961  
4 (P.L.1107, No.494), is amended to read:

5 Section 17. It shall be the duty of every person who shall  
6 employ any minor under eighteen years of age to acknowledge, in  
7 writing, to the official issuing the same, the receipt of the  
8 employment certificate of said minor, within five days after the  
9 beginning of such employment. On termination of the employment  
10 of a minor under eighteen years of age, the employment  
11 certificate issued for such minor shall be returned by mail, by  
12 the employer, to the official issuing the same, immediately upon  
13 demand of the minor for whom the certificate was issued, or  
14 otherwise, within five days after termination of said  
15 employment. The official to whom said certificate is so returned  
16 shall file said certificate and preserve the same. Any minor  
17 whose employment certificate has been returned, as above  
18 provided, shall be entitled to a new employment certificate upon  
19 presentation of a statement from the prospective employer, as  
20 hereinabove provided[, accompanied by a certificate of physical  
21 fitness, issued in the manner hereinabove provided and based  
22 upon a reexamination of said minor, and certifying that the  
23 minor is physically able to undertake the work for which the new  
24 employment certificate is to be issued].

25 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.