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CHAPTER 274.

AN ACT to regulate the employment of minors
in the state of Wisconsin.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in
senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Child under
14 not to be
employed in
school year.

SECTION 1. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed at any time in any factory or workshop or in or about any mine. No such child shall be employed in any mercantile establishment, laundry or in the telegraph, telephone or public messenger service, except during the vacation of the public schools in the town, district or city where such child is employed.

Employers to
keep a register
of minors em-
ployed.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation, agent or manager of any firm or corporation employing minors in any mercantile establishment, store, office, laundry, manufacturing establishment, factory or workshop or in the telegraph, telephone or public messenger service within this state to keep a register in said mercantile establishment, store, office, laundry, manufacturing establishment, factory or workshop in which said minors shall be employed or permitted or suffered to work, in which register shall be recorded the name, age, date of birth, place of residence of every child employed or permitted or suffered to work therein under the age of sixteen years; and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, agent or manager of any firm or corporation to hire or employ or to permit or suffer to work in any mercantile establishment, store, office, laundry, manufacturing establishment, factory or workshop, telegraph, telephone or public messenger service any child under the age of sixteen years unless there is first provided and placed on file in such mercantile

Register, what
to contain.

establishment, store, office, laundry, manufacturing establishment, factory or workshop an affidavit made by the parent stating the name, date and place of birth and name and place of the school attended of such child. If such child have no parent or guardian, then such affidavit shall be made by the child, and the register and affidavits herein provided for shall, on demand, be produced and shown for inspection to the factory inspector, assistant factory inspectors or any officer of the bureau of labor and industrial statistics.

Affidavit of parent or guardian necessary when child is under sixteen.

SECTION 3. No person under the age of sixteen years shall be employed, required, permitted or suffered to work for wages at any gainful occupation longer than ten hours in any one day, nor more than six days in any one week, nor after the hour of nine at night nor before the hour of six in the morning.

Length of time employment is permitted.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of labor, the factory or assistant factory inspectors to enforce the provisions of this act, and to prosecute violations of the same before any court of competent jurisdiction in this state. It shall be the duty of the said commissioner of labor or the factory or assistant factory inspectors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to visit and inspect, at all reasonable times, and as often as possible, all places covered by this act.

Duty of commissioner of labor and factory inspectors.

SECTION 5. The commissioner of labor, the factory or assistant factory inspectors shall have the power to demand a certificate of physical fitness, from some regularly licensed physician, in the case of children who may seem physically unable to perform the labor at which they may be employed, and no minor shall be employed who cannot obtain such a certificate.

Power to demand certificate of physical fitness.

SECTION 6. Whenever it appears upon due examination that the labor of any minor over twelve years of age, who would be debarred from employment under the provisions of section one of this act is necessary for the support of the family to which said child belongs or for its own

When a minor may be employed.

support, the county judge of the county where said child resides, the commissioner of labor or any factory or assistant factory inspector may in the exercise of their discretion issue, free of charge, a permit or excuse authorizing the employment of such minor within such time or times as they may fix.

Care of elevator prohibited.

SECTION 7. No firm, person or corporation shall employ or permit any child under sixteen years of age to have the care, custody, management or operation of any elevator.

Term "workshop," etc., defined.

SECTION 8. The words "manufacturing establishment," "factory" or "workshop" as used in this act, shall be construed to mean any place where goods or products are manufactured or repaired, dyed, cleaned or sorted, stored or packed, in whole or in part, for sale or for wages, and not for the personal use of the maker or his or her family or employer.

Penalty for violation of act by employer.

SECTION 9. Any person, firm or corporation, agent or manager of any corporation who, whether for himself or for such firm or corporation or by himself or through agents, servants or foremen shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this act or shall hinder or delay the commissioner of labor, the factory or assistant factory inspectors or any or either of them in the performance of their duty or refuse to admit or shut or lock them out from any place required to be inspected by this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense. Any corporation which, by its agents, officers or servants, shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall be liable to the above penalties, which may be recovered against such corporations in an action for debt or assumpsit brought before any court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

Penalty for violation by parent or guardian.

SECTION 10. Any parent or guardian who suffers or permits a child to be employed or suffered or permitted to work in violation of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon

conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 27, 1899.

No. 259, S.]

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CHAPTER 275.

AN ACT requiring and directing the commissioners of public lands to ascertain and make a statement of money due any of the counties of the state of Wisconsin for the sale of indemnity lands and to submit such statement to the next session of the legislature.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The commissioners of public lands are by this act required and directed at their convenience to ascertain and make a tabulated statement of the amount of all money due to the counties of Sauk and Columbia, and all other counties of the state of Wisconsin, from the sale of indemnity lands obtained by the state from the general government in the year 1881, according to chapter 322, laws of 1883, and chapter 340, laws of 1889, and to submit such detailed statement to the next session of the legislature.

To make tabulated state ment of money due Columbia and Sauk counties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 27, 1899.