

No. 30

AN ACT

HB 125

Amending the act of May 13, 1915 (P.L.286, No.177), entitled, as amended, "An act to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of minors; By forbidding their employment or work in certain establishments and occupations, and under certain specified ages; by restricting their hours of labor, and regulating certain conditions of their employment; by requiring employment certificates for certain minors, and prescribing the kinds thereof, and the rules for the issuance, reissuance, filing, return, and recording of the same; by providing that the Industrial Board shall, under certain conditions, determine and declare whether certain occupations are within the prohibitions of this act; requiring certain abstracts and notices to be posted; providing for the enforcement of this act by the Secretary of Labor and Industry, the representative of school districts, and police officers; and defining the procedure in prosecutions thereunder, and establishing certain presumptions in relation thereto; providing for the issuance of special permits for minors engaging in the entertainment and related fields; providing penalties for the violation of the provisions thereof; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith," providing for participation in certain training and fire-fighting activities.

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

Section 1. The act of May 13, 1915 (P.L.286, No.177), known as the "Child Labor Law," is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 7.3. Minor Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Forest Fire Crew Member Activities.—(a) *Minors who are members of a volunteer fire company and volunteer forest fire crew may participate in training and fire-fighting activities as follows:*

(1) *Drivers of trucks, ambulances or other official fire vehicles must be eighteen years of age.*

(2) *Minors sixteen and seventeen years of age who have successfully completed a course of training equal to the standards for basic fire-fighting established by the Department of Education and the Department of Environmental Resources, may engage in fire-fighting activities provided that such minors are under the direct supervision and control of the fire chief, an experienced line officer or a designated forest fire warden.*

(3) *No person under eighteen years of age shall be permitted to (i) operate an aerial ladder, aerial platform or hydraulic jack, (ii) use rubber electrical gloves, insulated wire gloves, insulated wire cutters, life nets or acetylene cutting units, (iii) operate the pumps of any fire vehicle while at the scene of a fire, or (iv) enter a burning structure.*

(b) *The activities of minors under sixteen years of age shall be limited to:*

- (1) *Training.*
- (2) *First aid.*

(3) *Clean-up service at the scene of a fire, outside the structure, after the fire has been declared by the fire official in charge to be under control.*

(4) *Coffee wagon and food services.*

(c) *In no case, however, shall minors under sixteen years of age be permitted to:*

(1) *Operate high pressure hose lines, except during training activities;*

(2) *Ascend ladders, except during training activities; or*

(3) *Enter a burning structure.*

(d) *All other activities by minors who are members of a volunteer fire company or a volunteer forest fire crewman shall be permissible unless specifically prohibited by this act.*

(e) *No rule or regulation of any State agency concerning minor volunteer firemen shall be adopted or promulgated except by amendment to this act.*

(f) *All other existing provisions of this act and the regulations promulgated thereunder affecting the employment of minors shall be applicable in all cases, including the requirements for employment certificates and the limitations on hours of employment.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 27th day of June, A. D. 1973.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 30.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.