

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN-a (2477-a) AND TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN-b (2477-b) AND TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN-c (2477-c) AND TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN-d (2477-d) OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE, 1907, AND TO ADD SECTION TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN-m (2477-m) TO THE SAID SUPPLEMENT TO CODE, 1907, ALL RELATING TO CHILD LABOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-a (2477-a) be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted as a substitute therefor:

“Section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-a (2477-a). No child under fourteen (14) years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in or in connection with any factory, mill, workshop, mercantile establishment, office, livery stable, garage, restaurant, bakery, barber shop, bootblack stand, laundry, slaughter or packing house, place of amusement, nor in the distribution or transmission of merchandise or messages.”

Sec. 2. That section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-b (2477-b) be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted as a substitute therefor:

“Section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-b (2477-b). No child under sixteen (16) years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, or in connection with any of the following named places of occupations: Adjusting any belt to any machinery; sewing or lacing machine belts in any workshop or factory; oiling, wiping or cleaning machinery or assisting therein; operating or assisting in operating any of the following machines: (a) circular or band saws; (b) wood shapers; (c) wood jointers; (d) planers; (e) sandpaper or wood-polishing machinery; (f) wood-turning or boring machinery; (g) picker machines or machines used in picking wool, cotton, hair or any other material; (h) carding machines; (i) paper-lace machines; (j) leather-burnishing machines; (k) job or cylinder printing presses operated by power other than foot power; (l) boring or drill presses; (m) stamping machines used in sheet metal and tin ware or in paper and leather manufacturing, or in washer and nut factories; (n) metal or paper cutting machines; (o) corner staying machines in paper box factories; (p) corrugating rolls, such as are used in corrugated paper, roofing or washboard factories; (q)

16 steam boilers; (r) dough brakes or cracker machinery of any description; (s) wire or iron
17 straightening or drawing machinery; (t) rolling mill machinery; (u) power punches or
18 shears; (v) washing, grinding or mixing machinery; (w) calender or mixing rolls in paper
19 and rubber manufacturing; (x) laundering machinery; or in proximity to any hazardous or
20 unguarded belts, machinery or gearing; or upon any railroad, whether steam, electric or hy-
21 draulic; or upon any vessel or boat engaged in navigation or commerce within the jurisdic-
22 tion of this state; nor in any capacity in, about, or in connection with any processes in which
23 dangerous or poisonous acids are used; nor in the manufacture or packing of paints, colors,
24 white or red lead, nor in soldering; nor in occupations causing dust in injurious quantities;
25 nor in the manufacture or use of dangerous or poisonous dyes; nor in the manufacture or prep-
26 aration of compositions with dangerous or poisonous gases; nor in the manufacture or use of
27 compositions of lye in which the quantity thereof is injurious to health; nor on scaffolding;
28 nor in heavy work in the building trades; nor in any tunnel or excavation; nor in any place
29 where gun-powder, dynamite or like explosive is used; nor in, about, or in connection with any
30 mine, coke oven or quarry; nor in assorting, manufacturing or packing tobacco; nor in oper-
31 taing any automobile, motor car or truck nor in a bowling alley; nor in a pool or billiard
32 room; nor in a hotel; nor in any other occupation dangerous to the life or limb, or injurious
33 to the health or morals of such child; nor shall any female person under twenty-one (21) years
34 of age be employed, permitted or suffered to work in any capacity where such work compels
35 her to remain standing constantly.”

Sec. 3. That section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-c (2477-c) be and the same is here-
2 by repealed and the following substituted therefor:

3 “Section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-c (2477-c). No child under sixteen (16) years
4 of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in or in connection with any of the es-
5 tablishments or occupations enumerated in section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-a
6 (2477-a), before the hour of seven (7) o'clock in the morning nor after the hour of six (6)
7 o'clock in the evening of any day, nor more than eight (8) hours in any one day, nor more than
8 forty-eight (48) hours in any one week; and if such person be employed more than five (5)
9 hours of each day, a noon intermission of not less than thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed
10 between the hours of eleven (11) and one (1) o'clock.”

Sec. 4. That section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-d (2477-d) (as amended by chapter
2 one hundred forty-five (145) of the acts of 1909), be and the same is hereby repealed and the
3 following substituted therefor:

4 “Section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-d (2477-d). No child under sixteen (16) years
5 of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in or in connection with any of the
6 establishments or occupations mentioned in section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-a

7 (2477-a), unless the person, firm or corporation employing such child procures and keeps on
8 file, accessible to any officer charged with the enforcement of this act, a work permit issued as
9 hereinafter provided, and keeps two complete lists of the names and ages of all such children
10 under sixteen (16) years of age employed in or for such establishments or in such occupa-
11 tions, one on file in the office and one (1) conspicuously posted near the principal entrance
12 of the place or establishment in which such children are employed. On termination of the em-
13 ployment of a child whose work permit is on file, such permit shall be returned by the em-
14 ployer within two days to the officer who issued the same with a statement of the reasons for
15 the termination of said employment. A work permit shall be issued only by the superintendent
16 of schools or by a person authorized by him in writing, or, where there is no superintendent of
17 schools, by a person authorized in writing by the local school board in the community where
18 such child resides, upon the application of the parent or guardian of the child desiring such
19 permit. The person authorized to issue work permits shall not issue any such permit until
20 he has received, examined, approved and filed the following papers duly executed, namely:

21 (1) A written agreement from the person, firm or corporation into whose service the child
22 under sixteen (16) years of age is about to enter, promising to give such child employment,
23 describing the work to be performed and agreeing to return the work permit of such child to
24 the office from which it was issued within two (2) days after the termination of the employ-
25 ment of such child.

26 (2) The school record of such child filled out and signed by the chief executive of the school
27 which such child has last attended, certifying that the child is able to read intelligently and
28 write legibly simple sentences in the English language and has completed a course of study
29 equivalent to six (6) yearly grades in reading, writing, spelling, English language, geography
30 and arithmetic; such school record shall give also the name, date of birth and residence of the
31 child as shown on the records of the school and also the name of its parent, guardian or cus-
32 todian.

33 (3) A certificate signed by a medical inspector of schools or if there be no such inspector
34 then by a physician appointed by the board of education certifying that the applicant for the
35 work permit has reached the normal development of a child of its age and is in sufficiently
36 sound health and physically able to perform the work for which the permit is sought.

37 (4) Evidence of age showing that the child is fourteen (14) years old or upwards which
38 shall consist of one of the following proofs required in the order herein designated as follows:

39 (a) A transcript of the birth certificate filed according to law with a registrar of vital sta-
40 tistics or other office charged with the duty of recording births.

41 (b) A passport or a transcript of a certificate of baptism showing the date of birth and
42 place of baptism of such child.

43 (c) A school census record.

44 (d) In cases where none of the above named proofs is obtainable, a certificate signed by the
45 local medical inspector of schools, or if there be no such inspector then by a physician ap-
46 pointed by the local board of education certifying that in his opinion the applicant for the
47 work permit is fourteen (14) years of age or upwards.

48 A duplicate of every such work permit issued shall be filled out and forwarded to the office
49 of the commissioner of labor. The blank forms for the work permit, the employer's agree-
50 ment, the school record and the physician's certificate shall be formulated by the State Super-
51 intendent of Public Instruction and furnished by him to the local school authorities. The work
52 permit shall in no case be issued to the applicant or its parent or guardian but shall in every
53 case be forwarded to the prospective employer of such applicant. Every such work permit
54 shall give the name, sex, the date and place of birth, and the residence of the child in whose
55 name it is issued, describe the color of the hair and eyes, give his height and weight, and shall
56 contain a statement of the proof of age accepted, the school grade completed, the name and
57 address of the establishment where the child is to be employed, and shall describe the work
58 for which the permit is issued; it shall further certify that the papers required for its issu-
59 ance have been duly examined, approved and filed, and that the person named therein has
60 personally appeared before the officer issuing the permit and has been examined. A work
61 permit shall be issued for every position obtained by a child between the ages of fourteen
62 (14) and sixteen (16) years."

Sec. 5. That the following be and the same is hereby enacted as section twenty-four hun-
2 dred seventy-seven-m (2477-m):

3 "Section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-m (2477-m). No boy under fourteen (14) years
4 of age nor girl under eighteen (18) years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to
5 work at any time in any city of ten thousand (10,000) or more inhabitants within this state
6 in or in connection with the street occupations of peddling, boot-blackening, the distribution or
7 sale of newspapers, magazines, periodicals or circulars, nor in any other occupation in any
8 street or public place. No boy between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) years of age shall be
9 employed, permitted or suffered to work in any such city in or in connection with any of the
10 aforesaid occupations unless he complies with all the requirements for the issuance of work
11 permits as described in this act except the filing of an employer's agreement, provided, how-
12 ever, that the school record so required shall certify only that the boy is regularly attending
13 school and that the work in which he wishes to engage will not interfere with his progress at
14 school. Upon compliance with these requirements such boy shall be entitled to receive from
15 the officer authorized to issue work permits a badge which shall authorize such boy to en-
16 gage in the above mentioned occupations at such time or times between six (6) a. m. and six

17 (6) p. m. in each day as the public schools of the city or district where such boy resides are
18 not in session but at no other time. All such badges issued in the same calendar year shall be
19 of the same color, which color shall be changed each year upon renewal, and all such badges
20 shall become void upon the first day of January of each year.

21 The parent or guardian of any child who shall engage in any such street occupation in viola-
22 tion of any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon
23 conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifteen (\$15.00) dollars. The
24 truant or attendance officers of the public schools shall enforce the provisions of this section.
25 Whoever furnishes or sells to any minor any article of any description with the knowledge
26 that said minor intends to sell said article in violation of the provisions of this section, or
27 who shall continue to furnish or sell articles of any description to a minor after having
28 received written notice from any officer charged with the enforcement of this section or from
29 the officer issuing the badge required as aforesaid that said minor is unlicensed to sell such
30 article, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifteen (\$15.00) dollars nor more than one
31 hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each offense.”