

Chapter 455.

AN ACT to regulate the hours of work of corporations and manufacturing companies engaged in manufacturing either cotton or woolen yarns, fabrics or domestics of any kind in this state.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no corporation or manufacturing company engaged in manufacturing either cotton or woolen yarns, fabrics or domestics of any kind, incorporated under the laws of this state, and no officer, agent or servant of such named corporation or manufacturing company, and no person or firm, owning or operating such corporation or manufacturing company within the limits of this state, and no agent or servant of such firm or person shall require, permit or suffer its, his or their employes in its, his or their service, or under his, its or their control, to work for more than ten hours during each or any day of twenty-four hours for one full day's work, and shall make no contract or agreement with such employes, or any of them, providing, that they or he shall work for more than ten hours for one day's work during each or any day of twenty-four hours, and said ten hours shall constitute one full day's work.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any such named corporation or manufacturing company within the limits of this state shall be allowed, under the provisions of this section, the privilege of working male employes, over the age of twenty-one years, over the limit of ten hours for the express purpose only of making repairs and improvements, and getting fires made, steam up and the machinery ready for use in their works, which cannot be done during the limits of the ten hours, the extra compensation for all such work to be settled between such corporation and manufacturing companies and the employes; provided, that nothing in this act shall be so construed so as to prohibit any employer from making a contract with his male employes, over the age of twenty-one years, to work by the hour for such time as may be agreed upon.

Legal day's
work.

Privileges
granted, etc.