

CHAPTER 147.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact section 14 of Chapter 79 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve, entitled "An Act to amend Article 100 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Work-hours of, in factories," sub-title "Hours of Labor for Females."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section 14 of Chapter 79, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve, entitled An Act to amend Article 100 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Work-hours of, in factories," sub-title "Hours of Labor for Females," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

Section 14. No female shall be employed or permitted to work in any manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile, printing, baking or laundering establishment more than ten hours in any one day, nor more than sixty hours in any one week, nor more than eight hours in any one day, if any part of her work is done before six o'clock in the morning or after ten o'clock in the evening of the said day, nor shall any female be employed or permitted to work for more than six hours continuously at any one time in any of the aforesaid establishments in which three or more such persons are employed, without an interval of, at least, a half hour, except that such female may be so employed for not more than six and a half hours continuously at one time, if she shall not be permitted to work during the remainder of the day in her said employment. Provided, further, that the invalidity of any portion of this Act, shall in no way affect the validity of any other portion thereof, which can be given effect, without such invalid part. But the provisions of this section shall not apply to females employed in the canning or preserving, or preparing for canning or preserving of perishable fruit and vegetables. And provided further that in any retail mercantile establishments located outside of the city of Baltimore a female may be permitted to work on Saturdays and on Christmas Eve and the five working days next preceding Christmas Eve not more than twelve hours, if during each of such Saturdays and Christmas Eve and five days aforesaid the female so employed shall have at least two rest intervals of not less than one hour each, and this provision shall only apply to such mercantile establishments as have dur-