CHAPTER 501 (House Bill 653)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 2, 2, 9 and 11(a) of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Work, Labor and Employment," subtitleS, RESPECTIVELY, "HOURS OF WORK IN FACTORIES" AND s, respectively, "Hours of Work in Factories" and "Employment of Minors"; and to repeal Sections 17 17, 52, 53, 54 and 55 of said Article and title of said Code (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), subtitles, respectively, "EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS," "Employment of Minors" and "Hours of Labor for Females," to delete various provisions of the State's labor laws which provide for different work and labor laws for males and females.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 2, 2, 9 and 11(a) of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Work, Labor and Employment," subtitleS, RESPECTIVELY, "HOURS OF WORK IN FACTORIES" AND s, respectively, "Hours of Work in Factories" and "Employment of Minors," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2.

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] EMPLOYEES, 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 LIMIT OF THE TEN HOURS; THE EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR ALL SUCH WORK TO BE SETTLED BETWEEN SUCH CORPORATION AND MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE EMPLOYEES; PROVIDED THAT NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE SO CONSTRUED AS TO PROHIBIT ANY EMPLOYER FROM MAKING A CONTRACT WITH HIS [MALE] EMPLOYEES, OVER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS, TO WORK BY THE HOUR FOR SUCH TIME AS MAY BE AGREED UPON.

2.

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] employees, 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 limit of the ten hours; the extra compensation for all such work to be settled between such corporation and manufacturing companies and the employees; provided that nothing in this article shall be so construed as to prohibit any employer from making a contract with his [male] employees, over the age of