

ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, ALLOWING THEM TO ENGAGE IN OCCUPATIONS WHICH WILL PREPARE THEM FOR RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP, YET PROTECT THEM FROM OCCUPATIONS WHICH WILL BE INJURIOUS TO THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND MORAL WELL-BEING.

6.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR MAJOR DISASTER, AS PROCLAIMED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED WITH THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNOR TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY OR ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE DURATION OF THE EMERGENCY OR DISASTER.

7.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, ~~AND MAY FROMULATE RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND ARE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

(B) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ENTER AND INSPECT, DURING REASONABLE BUSINESS HOURS, ANY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR THE EMPLOYMENT RECORDS OF ANY EMPLOYEE AND TO QUESTION ANY EMPLOYEE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) IN ORDER TO INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE A WRITTEN COMPLAINT TO BE FILED.

(D) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS TO DETERMINE IF AN OCCUPATION SHOULD BE FORBIDDEN TO A MINOR OR MAY ADOPT BY REFERENCE ANY OCCUPATION DEFINED TO BE DANGEROUS BY THE SECRETARY OF LABOR UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT.

8.

(A) A MINOR MAY NOT ENGAGE IN EMPLOYMENT UNLESS THE EMPLOYER HAS IN HIS POSSESSION A VERIFIED AND VALIDATED WORK PERMIT FOR THE MINOR.

(B) THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS OR THEIR AUTHORIZED DESIGNEES IN THE VARIOUS COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY, AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE WORK PERMITS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER. THE SUPERINTENDENTS SHALL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF WORK PERMITS. THE COMMISSIONER, AFTER REVIEW, MAY REVOKE ANY ISSUED WORK PERMIT.

(C) THE AGE OF THE MINOR SHALL BE VERIFIED BY A BIRTH CERTIFICATE, A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, A SCHOOL RECORD, PASSPORT, VALID MARYLAND DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR ANY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT ATTESTING TO THE AGE OF THE MINOR.