CHAPTER 136.
[S. Sess. B. No. 18.]
REGULATING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILD LABOR, AND
PROHIBITING SAME IN CERTAIN CASES.

AN ACT to regulate the employment of child labor and to pro-
hibit the employment of females under the age of eighteen
years as public messengers and fixing a penalty for the viola-
tion thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. No female person under eighteen years of age shall be
employed as public messenger by any person, telegraph company,
telephone company, or messenger com-
pany in this state, nor shall any child of either sex under
the age of fourteen years be hired out to labor in any fac-
tory, mill, workshop or store at any time, provided that
any superior court judge, living within the residence district
of any such child, may issue a permit for the employment
of any child between the ages of twelve and fourteen years at
any occupation, not in his judgment, dangerous or in-
jurious to the health or morals of such child, upon evidence,
satisfactory to him, that the labor of such child is necessary
for its support or for the assistance of any invalid parent.
Such permits shall be issued for a definite time but shall
be revocable at the discretion of the judge by whom they
are issued.

SEC. 2. Any employer, overseer, superintendent, or agent
of such employer, who shall violate any of the provisions
of this act shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined for each
offense not less than $50 nor more than $100, or be im-
prisoned in the county jail not exceeding one month.

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