

## CHAPTER 136.

[S. SUB. 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 prohibit the employment of females under the age of eighteen years as public messengers and fixing a penalty for the violation 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 company in this state, nor shall any child of either sex under the age of fourteen years be hired out to labor in any factory, 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 injurious 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.

Unlawful to employ females under 18 as messengers.

Unlawful to hire any child under 14.

Exceptional cases.

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 imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding one month.

Penalty.

Passed the Senate February 24, 1903.

Passed the House March 12, 1903.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1903.