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INACTIVE RALEIGH WAGE-HOUR REGIONAL OFFICE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE HANDICAPPED CERTIFICATES

The Raleigh Wage and Hour Regional office, covering North and South Carolina, was authorized to grant or deny applications for handicapped certificates in an order issued today (Federal Register, November 23, 1940) by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

Under Section 14 of the Fair Labor Standards Act the Administrator is empowered to provide for the employment of persons handicapped by age or mental or physical defects at wages lower than the applicable minimum. This provision was written into the Act by Congress in order to protect employees so handicapped against possible loss of their jobs through inability to earn the minimum.

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