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MCCOMB PROPOSES JEWELRY INDUSTRY HOME WORKER PRIVILEGE FOR INDIANS

Special exceptions from Fair Labor Standards Act home worker restrictions in the Jewelry Manufacturing Industry, to permit such work by American Indians living on Reservations in New Mexico and Arizona, were proposed today by Wm. R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor.

The exceptions would make it possible for Indians residing on the Navajo, Pueblo and Hopi Reservations to make genuine hand-fashioned jewelry subject to the Act's wage and hours provisions. Work would be performed under specific standards set up by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board of the U. S. Department of Interior.

The Administrator's proposed amendment is set forth in an announcement which appears in the Federal Register today. Interested parties are given 15 days in which to submit written statements, in quadruplicate, to the Administrator.

It is estimated that the proposed change would affect nearly 1,000 Indians. The amendment would not exempt employers from complying with the Wage and Hour Law minimum wage and overtime provisions, McComb explained.

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