

63D CONGRESS,  
3D SESSION.

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# H. R. 12292.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 15 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 16), 1915.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce.

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## AN ACT

To prevent interstate commerce in the products of child labor,  
and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3        That it shall be unlawful for any producer, manufacturer, or  
4        dealer to ship or deliver for shipment in interstate commerce  
5        the products of any mine or quarry which have been pro-  
6        duced, in whole or in part, by the labor of children under  
7        the age of sixteen years, or the products of any mill, cannery,  
8        workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment which  
9        have been produced, in whole or in part, by the labor of  
10       children under the age of fourteen years, or by the labor of  
11       children between the age of fourteen years and sixteen years,

1 who work more than eight hours in any one day, or more  
2 than six days in any week, or after the hour of seven o'clock  
3 postmeridian or before the hour of seven o'clock ante-  
4 meridian.

5 SEC. 2. That the Attorney General, the Secretary of  
6 Commerce, and the Secretary of Labor shall constitute a  
7 board to make and publish from time to time uniform rules  
8 and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

9 SEC. 3. That for the purpose of securing proper en-  
10 forcement of this Act the Secretary of Labor, or any person  
11 duly authorized by him, shall have authority to enter and  
12 inspect at any time mines, quarries, mills, canneries, work-  
13 shops, factories, and manufacturing establishments in which  
14 goods are produced for interstate commerce.

15 SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of each district at-  
16 torney to whom the Secretary of Labor shall report any  
17 violation of this Act, or to whom any State factory or mining  
18 or quarry inspector, commissioner of labor, State medical  
19 inspector, or school-attendance officer, or any other person  
20 shall present satisfactory evidence of any such violation to  
21 cause appropriate proceedings to be commenced and prose-  
22 cuted in the proper courts of the United States without delay  
23 for the enforcement of the penalties as in such cases herein  
24 provided.

1        SEC. 5. That any person, partnership, association, or  
2 corporation, or any agent or employee thereof manufacturing,  
3 producing, or dealing in the products of any mine, quarry,  
4 mill, cannery, workshop, factory, or manufacturing estab-  
5 lishment who shall violate any of the provisions of section  
6 one of this Act, or who shall refuse or obstruct the entry or  
7 inspection authorized by section three of this Act, shall be  
8 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of  
9 not more than \$1,000 nor less than \$100, or by imprison-  
10 ment for not more than one year nor less than one month, or  
11 by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court:  
12 *Provided*, That no dealer shall be subject to conviction under  
13 the provisions of this section, who shall establish a guaranty  
14 issued by the person by whom such goods were manufactured  
15 or produced, and residing in the United States, to the effect  
16 that in the manufacture and production of such goods, neither  
17 in whole nor in part, had children been employed or per-  
18 mitted to work in any mine or quarry under the age of  
19 sixteen years, or in any mill, cannery, workshop, factory,  
20 or manufacturing establishment under the age of fourteen  
21 years, or between the ages of fourteen years and sixteen  
22 years, who worked more than eight hours in any one day, or  
23 more than six days in any week, or after the hour of seven  
24 o'clock postmeridian, or before the hour of seven o'clock ante-

1 meridian. Said guaranty, to afford the protection above  
2 provided, shall contain the name and address of the person  
3 giving the same, and in such event such person shall be  
4 amenable to any prosecution, fine, or penalty to which the  
5 person seeking the protection of such guaranty would other-  
6 wise have been subject under the provisions of this Act. The  
7 word "dealer" as used in this Act shall be construed to  
8 include any individual or corporation, or the members of any  
9 partnership or other unincorporated association.

10       SEC. 6. That in prosecutions under this Act each ship-  
11 ment or delivery for shipment shall constitute a separate  
12 offense.

13       SEC. 7. That this Act shall take effect from and after  
14 one year from the date of its passage.

Passed the House of Representatives February 15, 1915.

Attest:

SOUTH TRIMBLE,

*Clerk.*



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