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Mr. PALMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered to be printed.

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic.]

A BILL

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 on and after January first, nineteen hundred and~~
4 ~~fifteen, no person, partnership, association, or corporation,~~
5 ~~or any agent or employee thereof, manufacturing, produc-~~
6 ~~ing, or dealing in the products of any mine or quarry in~~
7 ~~which children under sixteen years of age are employed or~~
8 ~~permitted to work at any time, or of any mill, cannery,~~
9 ~~workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment in which~~

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1 ~~children under fourteen years of age are employed or per-~~
2 ~~mitted to work at any time, or in which children between~~
3 ~~the ages of fourteen and sixteen years of age are employed or~~
4 ~~permitted to work more than eight hours in any day or more~~
5 ~~than six days in any week, or after the hour of seven post-~~
6 ~~meridian or before the hour of seven antemeridian of any~~
7 ~~day, shall ship or offer or deliver for shipment such products~~
8 ~~in interstate commerce.~~

9 ~~SEC. 2. That the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary~~
10 ~~of Labor, and the Attorney General shall constitute a board~~
11 ~~to make and from time to time to amend rules and regula-~~
12 ~~tions for carrying out the provisions of this Act.~~

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

19 ~~SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of each district at-~~
20 ~~torney to whom the Secretary of Labor shall report any~~
21 ~~violation of this Act or to whom any State factory inspector,~~
22 ~~commissioner of labor, State medical inspector, or school~~
23 ~~attendance officer, or any other person shall present satis-~~
24 ~~factory evidence of any such violation to cause appropriate~~
25 ~~proceedings to be commenced and prosecuted in the proper~~

1 ~~courts of the United States without delay for the enforce-~~
2 ~~ment of the penalties as in such cases herein provided.~~

3 ~~SEC. 5. That any person, partnership, association, or~~
4 ~~corporation or any agent or employee thereof manufacturing,~~
5 ~~producing, or dealing in the products of any mine, quarry,~~
6 ~~mill, cannery, workshop, factory, or manufacturing estab-~~
7 ~~lishment who shall violate any of the provisions of section~~
8 ~~one of this Act or any of the rules and regulations made in~~
9 ~~accordance with the authority contained in section two of~~
10 ~~this Act, or who shall refuse or obstruct the entry or inspec-~~
11 ~~tion authorized by section three of this Act, shall be guilty~~
12 ~~of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not~~
13 ~~more than \$1,000 nor less than \$100 or by imprisonment~~
14 ~~for not more than one year or less than one month, or by~~
15 ~~both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.~~

16 ~~SEC. 6. That in prosecutions under this Act each ship-~~
17 ~~ment or delivery for shipment shall constitute a separate~~
18 ~~offense.~~

19 ~~That it shall be unlawful for any producer, manufacturer, or~~
20 ~~dealer to ship or deliver for shipment in interstate commerce~~
21 ~~the products of any mine or quarry which have been pro-~~
22 ~~duced, in whole or in part, by the labor of children under~~
23 ~~the age of sixteen years, or the products of any mill, cannery,~~
24 ~~workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment which~~
25 ~~have been produced, in whole or in part, by the labor of~~

1 *children under the age of fourteen years, or by the labor of*
2 *children between the age of fourteen years and sixteen years,*
3 *who work more than eight hours in any one day, or more*
4 *than six days in any week, or after the hour of seven o'clock*
5 *postmeridian or before the hour of seven o'clock ante-*
6 *meridian.*

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

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

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

1 *for the enforcement of the penalties as in such cases herein*
2 *provided.*

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

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

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

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

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