
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 6, 1906.

Mr. PARSONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To prevent the employment of children in factories and mines.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That six months from and after the passage of this Act no car-
4 rier of interstate commerce shall transport or accept for trans-
5 portation the products of any factory or mine in which children
6 under fourteen years of age are employed or permitted to work,
7 which products are offered to said interstate carrier by the
8 firm, person, or corporation owning or operating said factory
9 or mine, or any officer or agent or servant thereof, for trans-
10 portation into any other State or Territory than the one in
11 which said factory is located.

12 SEC. 2. That no carrier of interstate commerce shall
13 transport or accept for transportation the products of any fac-
14 tory or mine offered it for transportation by any person, firm,

1 or corporation which owns or operates such factory or mine, or
2 any officer, agent, or servant of such person, firm, or corpora-
3 tion, until the president or secretary or general manager of
4 such corporation, or a member of such firm or the person own-
5 ing or operating such factory or mine, shall file with said car-
6 rier an affidavit to the effect that children under fourteen
7 years of age are not employed in such factory or mine.

8 SEC. 3. That the form of said affidavit shall be pre-
9 scribed by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and
10 Labor. After the first affidavit is filed a like affidavit shall be
11 filed on or before July first and on or before December thirty-
12 first of each year with the interstate carrier to which such
13 factory or mine offers its products for transportation; and after
14 the first affidavit subsequent affidavits shall also state that
15 no children under fourteen years of age are employed or per-
16 mitted to work in said factory or mine, or have been employed
17 or permitted to work in said factory or mine at any time during
18 the preceding six months.

19 SEC. 4. That any officer or agent of a carrier of inter-
20 state commerce who is a party to any violation of this Act,
21 or who knowingly violates any of the provisions of this Act,
22 shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than
23 ten thousand dollars nor less than one thousand dollars or
24 by imprisonment for not more than six months nor less than
25 one month, or by both said fine and imprisonment, in the dis-

1 cretion of the court. Any person by this Act required to
2 file the affidavit herein provided for who fails or refuses to
3 file such affidavit, or who shall make a false statement in
4 said affidavit, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding
5 twenty thousand dollars nor less than five thousand dollars
6 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year nor less than three
7 months, or by both said fine and imprisonment, in the dis-
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2^D SESSION. } **H. R. 21404.**

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