

In favour of LD 1698, 126th assembly of legislature of the state of Maine

LD 1698, which allows minors under the age of 16 years to more readily obtain a work permit and allows them to work in theatres is beneficial to the prosperity of young Mainers. Those with the desire or need to work may be able to do so in a more expedient manner, especially in the summertime when there are fewer educational pursuits to commit to. Minors can save the money they make for higher education instead of relying on the government for a loan and then wallowing in debt for a few years. It is important for youngsters to have a financial base from which to begin mature citizenship in our state. Despite what a few may think, it takes work to improve our economy and it is work for independently-minded citizens that this bill is promoting.

Of late, minors have been receiving their work permits well into the summer as employers hold jobs. This process needs to be sped up, this bill will provide at least a start to that. As far as to allowing minors to work in establishments such as bowling alleys and theatres, why prohibit it? This bill allows employers and employees to have more economic freedom.

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