

corporations amend their articles of incorporation limiting the duration within ninety days after the taking effect of this act, and where the certificate of incorporation of any such corporation provides a fixed period of duration, such corporation may have perpetual succession by amending its certificate of incorporation so as to provide therefor at any time within one year after the passage of this act."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1929.

CHAPTER 234—S. F. No. 353

An act to amend Section 4094, General Statutes 1923, and Section 4103, General Statutes 1923, as amended by Chapter 388, General Laws 1927, with reference to the employment of children in theatrical exhibitions, concerts and entertainments.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Employment of children under fourteen years.**—That Section 4094, General Statutes 1923, be amended to read as follows:

"4094. No child under fourteen (14) years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work at any time, in or in connection with any factory, mill or workshop, or in any mine; or in the construction of any building, or about any engineering work; it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, to employ or exhibit any child under fourteen (14) years of age in any business or service whatever, during any part of the term during which the public schools of the district in which the child resides are in session.

Sec. 2. **Children under sixteen—Prohibited employments—Penalties.**—That Section 4103, General Statutes 1923, as amended by Chapter 388, General Laws 1927, shall be amended to read as follows:

"4103. No person shall employ or permit any child under the age of sixteen (16) years to serve or work as an employe of such person in any of the following occupations:

Sewing or adjusting belts used on machinery; oiling or assisting in oiling, wiping, or cleaning machinery; operating or assisting in operating circular or band saws, wood shapers, wood jointers, planers, sandpaper or wood-polishing machinery, emery or polishing wheels used for polishing metal, wood turning or boring machinery, stamping machines in sheet metal and tin-ware manufacture, stamping machines in washer and nut factories, operating corrugating rolls used in roofing factories; operating a steam boiler, steam machinery, or other steam generating apparatus; setting pins in bowling alleys; operating or assisting in operating dough grates or cracker machinery; operating wire or iron straightening machinery; operating or assisting in operating rolling mill machinery; punches or shears, washing, grinding or mixing mill; operating calendar rolls in rubber manufacturing; operating or assisting in operating laundry machinery; preparing or assisting in preparing any composition in which dangerous or poisonous acids are used; operating or assisting in operating any passenger or freight elevator; manufacturing of goods for immoral purposes; nor in any other employment or occupation dangerous to the life, limb, health or morals of such child.

No female under sixteen (16) years of age shall be employed where such employment requires such female to stand constantly during such employment.

No child under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be employed as a rope or wire walker, contortionist, or at flying rings, horizontal bars, trapeze or other aerial acts, pyramiding, weight lifting, balancing, or casting acts, or in any practices or exhibitions dangerous or injurious to the life, limb, health or morals of such child.

No child under the age of ten years, whether or not a resident of this state, may be employed or exhibited in any theatrical exhibition except in the cases hereinafter referred to.

No child over the age of ten years and under the age of 16 years, whether or not a resident of this state, shall be employed or exhibited in any theatrical entertainment except with the permission of the Industrial Commission; provided that under a permit hereinafter provided for one or more children under the age of 16 years may participate in a family group with either or both of their parents in instrumental musical performance not prohibited as being dangerous or injurious to the health, life, limb or morals of such child or children and not detrimental to their education; and provided, that under such a permit a child or children under the age of 16 years may participate in legitimate dramatic performances by adults where some part or parts can only be portrayed by a child or children and where no signing, dancing or acrobatic performance nor

any practice or exhibition dangerous or injurious to the life, limbs, health or morals is performed by such child or children.

In the event it is desired to employ or exhibit in any theatrical entertainment a child within the age limits permitted by law, during that portion of the year when such employment or exhibition is permitted, written application shall be made to the Industrial Commission, specifying the name of the child, its age, and the names and residence of its parent or guardian, the nature, and kind of such performances; the dates, duration and number of performances desired, together with the place and character of the exhibition.

Application for any permit under this act shall be made at least 72 hours before the first performance at which it is desired to exhibit such child.

The Industrial Commission shall, through its Division of Women and Children, investigate each application and shall have power to grant a permit for such employment or exhibition not prohibited by law and for any period during which such employment or exhibition is not prohibited by law after it shall first find that the health, education or school work, morals and welfare will not be detrimentally affected by such employment or exhibition or by the environment in which the same is rehearsed or given. Such permit shall specify the name and residence of the child and the nature and date of performances and the number and duration thereof permitted.

The Industrial Commission shall revoke any permit whenever in its opinion the exhibition of any child in any performance is detrimental to its health, welfare or morals or is interfering with its education.

Nothing contained in this section or in Section 4094, General Statutes 1923, shall prohibit the appearance of any child in an entertainment given by one or more religious or educational organizations or by a neighborhood association of parents of the children who may perform before it or in any recital connected with the teaching of the art or practice of music; but this proviso shall not be construed as authorizing the appearance of any child in any such entertainment at which an admission fee is charged unless the entire program is furnished by and for the benefit of such religious or educational organization or neighborhood association at such recital unless the entire program is furnished by the pupils of the teachers sponsoring the recital.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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