

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 551  
SENATE BILL 364

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF G.S. CHAPTER 110 WHICH RELATE TO  
CHILD LABOR REGULATIONS BY REMOVING SEX DISCRIMINATORY  
PROVISIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 110-1, as it appears in 1975 Replacement Volume 3A of the General Statutes, is amended on line 6 by deleting the word "boys" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "minors".

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 110-2, as it appears in 1975 Replacement Volume 3A of the General Statutes, is amended on lines 13 and 16 by deleting in each of those lines the word "boys" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "minors"; and

G.S. 110-2 is further amended by rewriting the proviso that begins after the semicolon on line 23 and continues to the end of that sentence to read as follows: "and provided further, that minors employed as telegraph messengers in towns where a full-time service is not maintained on Sundays may work seven days per week, but not for more than two hours on Sunday."

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 110-7, as it appears in 1975 Replacement Volume 3A of the General Statutes, is amended by deleting the third sentence of that section, which begins on line 14 with the word "Nor" and ends on line 18 with the word "messages".

**Sec. 4.** G.S. 110-8, as it appears in 1975 Replacement Volume 3A of the General Statutes, is rewritten to read as follows:

**"§ 110-8. Employment of minors in street trades; sale or distribution of newspapers, etc.** — No minor under 14 years of age shall distribute, sell, expose, or offer for sale newspapers, magazines, periodicals, candies, drinks, peanuts, or other merchandise in any street or public place, or exercise the trade of bootblack in any street or public place. No minor under 16 years of age shall be employed or permitted or allowed to work at any of the trades or occupations mentioned in this section after 7:00 p.m. or before 6:00 a.m., or unless that minor has an employment certificate issued in accordance with G.S. 110-9. The State Commissioner of Labor shall have authority to make, promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary for the enforcement of this section, not inconsistent with this Article or existing law.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent minors over 14 years of age from distributing newspapers, magazines and periodicals on fixed routes, seven days per week: Provided, that such persons shall not be employed nor allowed to work after 8:00 p.m. and before 5:00 a.m., and that the hours of work and the hours in school do not exceed eight in any one day, except minors 12 years of age and over who have secured a certificate from the Department of Labor for the sale or distribution of newspapers, magazines or periodicals: Provided further, that such person shall not be permitted or allowed to work more than four hours per day nor more than 24 hours per week: Provided further, that nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent minors 12 years of age and over, upon securing a proper certificate from the Department of Labor, from being employed outside school hours in the sale or distribution of newspapers, magazines and periodicals (where not more than 75 customers

are served in one day): Provided, that such minors shall not be employed between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., nor for more than 10 hours in any one week."

**Sec. 5.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of June, 1977.