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H. R. 2639

To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2001

Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. KIND, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. GEKAS, and Mr. REGULA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXEMPTION.**

4 Section 13(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of
5 1938 (29 U.S.C. 213(c)) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 “(7)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), in the adminis-
8 tration and enforcement of the child labor provisions of

1 this Act, it shall not be considered oppressive child labor
2 for an individual who—

3 “(i) is at least 14 but under the age of 18, and

4 “(ii) is a member of a religious sect or division
5 thereof whose established teachings do not permit
6 formal education beyond the eighth grade,

7 to be employed inside or outside places of business where
8 machinery is used to process wood products.

9 “(B) The employment of an individual under sub-
10 paragraph (A) shall be permitted—

11 “(i) if the individual is supervised by an adult
12 relative of the individual or is supervised by an adult
13 member of the same religious sect or division as the
14 individual;

15 “(ii) if the individual does not operate or assist
16 in the operation of power-driven woodworking ma-
17 chines;

18 “(iii) if the individual is protected from wood
19 particles or other flying debris within the workplace
20 by a barrier appropriate to the potential hazard of
21 such wood particles or flying debris or by maintain-
22 ing a sufficient distance from machinery in oper-
23 ation; and

1 “(iv) if the individual is required to use per-
2 sonal protective equipment to prevent exposure to
3 excessive levels of noise and saw dust.”.

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