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H. R. 4590

To exempt certain 16- and 17-year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LABRADOR (for himself and Mr. SOUTHERLAND) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited “Future Logging Careers
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHILD LABOR LAW EXEMPTIONS FOR LOGGING AND**
7 **MECHANIZED OPERATIONS.**

8 The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.
9 201 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 3 (29 U.S.C. 203)—

1 (A) in subsection (l), by adding at the end
2 the following: “, and that employment of em-
3 ployees ages sixteen or seventeen years in a log-
4 ging or mechanized operation in an occupation
5 that the Secretary of Labor finds and declares
6 to be particularly hazardous for the employment
7 of children of such ages shall not be deemed to
8 constitute oppressive child labor if such em-
9 ployee is employed by his parent or by a person
10 standing in the place of his parent in a logging
11 or mechanized operation owned or operated by
12 such parent or person”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(z)(1) ‘Logging’—

15 “(A) means the felling, skidding, yarding, load-
16 ing and processing of timber by equipment other
17 than manually operated chainsaws and cable skid-
18 ders; and

19 “(i) the felling of timber in mechanized oper-
20 ations;

21 “(ii) the bucking or converting of timber into
22 logs, poles, ties, bolts, pulpwood, chemical wood, ex-
23 celsior wood, cordwood, fence posts, or similar prod-
24 ucts;

1 “(iii) the collecting, skidding, yarding, loading,
2 transporting and unloading of such products in con-
3 nection with logging;

4 “(iv) the constructing, repairing and maintain-
5 ing of roads or camps used in connection with log-
6 ging; the constructing, repairing, and maintenance
7 of machinery or equipment used in logging; and

8 “(v) other work performed in connection with
9 logging; and

10 “(B) does not include the manual use of chain
11 saws to fell and process timber and the use of cable
12 skidders to bring the timber to the landing.

13 “(2) ‘Mechanized operation’—

14 “(A) means the felling, skidding, yarding, load-
15 ing and processing of timber by equipment other
16 than manually operated chainsaws and cable skid-
17 ders; and

18 “(B) includes whole tree processors, cut-to-
19 length processors, stroke boom delimiters, wheeled
20 and track feller-bunchers, pull thru delimiters,
21 wheeled and track forwarders, chippers, grinders,
22 mechanical debarkers, wheeled and track grapple
23 skidders, yarders, bulldozers, excavators, and log
24 loaders.”; and

1 (2) in section 13(c) (29 U.S.C. 211(c)), by add-
2 ing at the end the following:

3 “(8) The provisions of section 12 relating to
4 child labor shall apply to an employee who is 16 or
5 17 years old employed in a logging or mechanized
6 operation in an occupation that the Secretary of
7 Labor finds and declares to be particularly haz-
8 ardous for the employment of children ages 16 or
9 17, except where such employee is employed by his
10 parent or by a person standing in the place of his
11 parent in a logging or mechanized operation owned
12 or operated by such parent or person.”.

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