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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, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. BABIN, Mr. WESTERMAN, and Mr. GROTHMAN) 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—

1 (1) in section 3 (29 U.S.C. 203)—

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

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

15 “(z)(1) ‘Logging’—

16 “(A) means—

17 “(i) the felling, skidding, yarding, loading
18 and processing of timber by equipment other
19 than manually operated chainsaws and cable
20 skidders;

21 “(ii) the felling of timber in mechanized
22 operations;

23 “(iii) the bucking or converting of timber
24 into logs, poles, ties, bolts, pulpwood, chemical

1 wood, excelsior wood, cordwood, fence posts, or
2 similar products;

3 “(iv) the collecting, skidding, yarding,
4 loading, transporting and unloading of such
5 products in connection with logging;

6 “(v) the constructing, repairing and main-
7 taining of roads or camps used in connection
8 with logging; the constructing, repairing, and
9 maintenance of machinery or equipment used in
10 logging; and

11 “(vi) other work performed in connection
12 with logging; and

13 “(B) does not include the manual use of chain
14 saws to fell and process timber and the use of cable
15 skidders to bring the timber to the landing.

16 “(2) ‘Mechanized operation’—

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

21 “(B) includes whole tree processors, cut-to-
22 length processors, stroke boom delimiters, wheeled
23 and track feller-bunchers, pull thru delimiters,
24 wheeled and track forwarders, chippers, grinders,
25 mechanical debarkers, wheeled and track grapple

1 skidders, yarders, bulldozers, excavators, and log
2 loaders.”; and

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

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

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