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H. R. 1454

To exempt certain 16- and 17-year-old individuals 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. POLIQUIN) 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 as the “Future Logging Ca-
5 reers 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)—

(A) in subsection (l), by adding at the end the following: “, and that employment of employees ages sixteen or seventeen years in a logging or mechanized operation in an occupation that the Secretary of Labor finds and declares to be particularly hazardous for the employment of individuals of such ages shall not be deemed to constitute oppressive child labor if such employee is employed by his parent or by a person standing in the place of his parent in a logging or mechanized operation owned or operated by such parent or person”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(z)(1) ‘Logging’—

“(A) means—

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

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

“(iii) the bucking or converting of timber into logs, poles, ties, bolts, pulpwood, chemical wood, excelsior wood, cordwood, fence posts, or similar products;

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

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

9 “(vi) other work performed in connection
10 with logging; and

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

14 “(2) ‘Mechanized operation’—

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