



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY  
~~Henry C. Hopper~~, Commissioner

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Pertaining to Modification of Meal Period

An Act regulating the work hours of persons, employees and operatives in factories, workshops, mills, mines and places where the manufacture of goods of any kind is carried on, and amending section 34:6-63 of the Revised Statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 34:6-63- of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

34:6-63. Every employer owning or operating a factory, workshop, mill, mine, or place where goods are manufactured shall give to all employees at least one-half hour for their midday meal after being continuously employed for a period of not more than six hours on any day except Saturday.

The meal period shall be fixed with regard to the health and physical welfare of employees. If any such place is operated at night or in eight-hour shifts, the meal period shall be fixed as aforesaid with regard to the mutual interests of employer and employee; and provided, further, that the provisions herein contained may be suspended by the Governor, on his own order or upon application to him, during the present war. Such order shall be limited to a particular period of time, and shall be limited to a particular mining or manufacturing establishment, and may contain such special conditions as the Governor may deem advisable. Before making or granting any such order, the Governor shall first find that the provisions thereof will not in any way impair or endanger the health or productive effectiveness of those affected by such order. The Governor in no case shall issue any order permitting any employee to work for more than eight hours without the meal period above described. The Governor may make such rules and regulations as he deems will effectuate the purposes of this act.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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