

CHILDREN 16-18 IN SERVICE STATIONS

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The Commissioner of Labor and Industry has reviewed the interpretation of Section 34:2-21.17, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, commonly known as the New Jersey Child Labor Law, particularly with relation to that part of said law which reads: "the manufacture, transportation, or use of explosives or highly inflammable substances" and as a result of such review is of the opinion that the definition of the words as quoted does not include the filling of the gasoline tanks of gasoline motor driven vehicles by use of a hose which is a part of the type of automatic or manual powered pumping equipment commonly used for that purpose in gasoline service stations.

In announcing this opinion, the Commissioner said "It is to be understood that any employment certificate authorizing employment of a minor under 18 years of age in any gasoline service station or garage will be disapproved by the Department of Labor and Industry if such certificate does not include the following warning which may be stamped upon the face of the certificate: 'this certificate does not in any way affect any prohibition contained in the Child Labor Law concerning power driven or hazardous machinery or hazardous occupations'".

The Commissioner explained that the reason for this administrative interpretation and statement with relation to the issuing of employment certificates authorizing employment in gasoline service stations and garages is that there had been a previous opinion and ruling which had interpreted the words "the manufacture, transportation or use of highly inflammable substances" to prohibit a minor under 18 years of age from being employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about or in connection with the filling of gasoline motor driven vehicles.

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