

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1699

BY: ROSS

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR; AMENDING 40 O.S. 1981,

SECTION 71, WHICH RELATES TO RESTRICTIONS ON
EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN UNDER FOURTEEN; PROVIDING
EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 1981, Section 71, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 71. A. No child under the age of fourteen (14) years shall be employed or permitted to work in any factory, factory workshop, pool hall or steam laundry, and no child under the age of fifteen (15) years shall be employed or permitted to work in any occupation injurious to health or morals or especially hazardous to life and limb; provided, that any child under fifteen (15) years of age employed to perform or performing in any duly licensed theatre, motion picture theatre or other place of public amusement shall be accompanied by or be in the custody, care or control of a parent, guardian, governess or teacher, who shall remain on the stage in such theatre, motion picture theatre or other place of public amusement during the performance of such child. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Labor upon investigation by himself or

the agents of his department, or upon the complaint of the Board of Health, to determine what occupations are injurious to health or morals or especially hazardous to life or limb, and to notify employers in such occupations of his decision, which decision shall be final until such occupations shall be defined by law or by final judgment in a court of competent jurisdiction as safe for health, morals, life or limb.

B. Children, between the ages of twelve (12) and fourteen (14), may be employed in occupations not restricted by this section upon supplying consents from their parents or guardian to do so and obtaining permission from the Commissioner after supplying him with such consent.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991.

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