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S. 2335

To exempt certain 16- and 17-year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2014

Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 children 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 of timber in mechanized operations;

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

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

1 “(iv) the constructing, repairing and main-
 2 taining of roads or camps used in connection
 3 with logging;

4 “(v) the constructing, repairing, and main-
 5 tenance of machinery or equipment used in log-
 6 ging; and

7 “(vi) other work performed in connection
 8 with logging; and

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

12 “(2) ‘Mechanized operation’—

13 “(A) means the felling, skidding, yarding, load-
 14 ing and processing of timber by equipment other
 15 than manually operated chainsaws and cable skid-
 16 ders; and

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

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

1 “(8) The provisions of section 12 relating to
2 child labor shall apply to an employee who is 16 or
3 17 years old employed in a logging or mechanized
4 operation in an occupation that the Secretary of
5 Labor finds and declares to be particularly haz-
6 ardous for the employment of children ages 16 or
7 17, except where such employee is employed by his
8 parent or by a person standing in the place of his
9 parent in a logging or mechanized operation owned
10 or operated by such parent or person.”.

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