



CHAPTER 139.

**An Act respecting the Employment and Hours of
Labour in certain Industries.**

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the “Labour Regulation Act.” Short title.
R.S. 1924, c. 126, s. 1.

Hours of Labour in certain Industries.

2. (1.) Subject to subsection (2), no person shall be employed at, in, or about any coke-oven, smelter, concentrator, or mineral-separation plant for a longer period than eight hours in any twenty-four hours, except that on days when shifts change a person may be employed for whatever longer period may be necessary to make the change.

Eight-hour day in coke-ovens, smelters, concentrators, and mineral-separation plants.

(2.) Nothing in this section contained shall apply to persons employed in the office, boarding-house, or bunk-house of any coke-oven, smelter, concentrator, or mineral-separation plant; and nothing in this section contained shall apply where any person has been employed or detained for a longer period than eight hours in any twenty-four hours owing to the occurrence of an accident in or about the coke-oven, smelter, concentrator, or mineral-separation plant, or in endeavouring to save or protect human life, or owing to such accident to save property.

(3.) “Twenty-four hours,” for the purpose of this section, shall mean from midnight to midnight. R.S. 1924, c. 126, s. 2.

3. Any owner, agent, or manager, or any one acting on his behalf, employing any workman or person in contravention of section 2 shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty

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dollars and not more than one hundred dollars for each workman or person so employed, and any workman or person so working for a longer period than specified in that section shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars. R.S. 1924, c. 126, s. 3 (*redrawn*).

Employment of Labour upon Subsidized Works.

No subsidy to be granted until agreement executed and security furnished that conditions regulating employment of labour will be adhered to.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act of the Legislature enacted after the twenty-first day of June, 1902, unless such enactment expressly excludes the operation of this section, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall not grant aid by money, securities, or lands of the Province, or a right-of-way over lands of the Province, to any person in respect of any railway or other work to be constructed by that person, until that person has entered into an agreement with the Lieutenant-Governor in Council as to the employment of labour upon or in connection with the railway or other work, upon such terms and conditions as to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council seem meet and proper, and has given the Lieutenant-Governor in Council satisfactory security, by bond or deposit money, that the terms of the agreement will be strictly adhered to. R.S. 1924, c. 126, s. 4.

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