

S 974

A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

Introduced: May 1, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 1, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]

Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		May 1, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 1, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 1, 2003)

Amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt from certain child labor restrictions the employment, inside or outside of businesses where machinery is used to process wood products, of individuals between ages 14 and 18 who are exempt, by statute or judicial order, from compulsory school attendance beyond the eighth grade.

Permits such youth employment if the individual: (1) is supervised by an adult relative or by an adult member of the same religious sect or division; (2) does not operate or assist in the operation of power-driven woodworking machines; (3) is protected from wood particles or other flying debris within the workplace by a barrier appropriate to such potential hazard or by maintaining a sufficient distance from machinery in operation; and (4) is required to use personal protective equipment to prevent exposure to excessive levels of noise and sawdust.

Actions Timeline

- **May 1, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 1, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5666)
- **May 1, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.