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# S. 818

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14, 2019

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

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## 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 OP-**  
7 **ERATIONS.**

8 The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.  
9 201 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) in section 3 (29 U.S.C. 203), by adding at  
2     the end the following:

3     “(z) ‘Logging operation’—

4           “(1) means—

5               “(A) a mechanized operation;

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

10           “(C) the collecting, skidding, yarding, load-  
11     ing, transporting, or unloading of such products  
12     in connection with the activities described in  
13     this paragraph;

14           “(D) the constructing, repairing, or main-  
15     taining of—

16               “(i) roads or camps used in connec-  
17     tion with the activities described in this  
18     paragraph; or

19               “(ii) machinery or equipment used in  
20     the activities described in this paragraph;  
21     or

22           “(E) any other work performed in connec-  
23     tion with the activities described in this para-  
24     graph; and

1 “(2) does not include the manual use of  
 2 chainsaws to fell or process timber or the use of  
 3 cable skidders to bring the timber to the landing.

4 “(aa) ‘Mechanized operation’—

5 “(1) means the felling, skidding, yarding, load-  
 6 ing, or processing of timber by equipment other than  
 7 manually operated chainsaws or cable skidders; and

8 “(2) includes the use of whole tree processors,  
 9 cut-to-length processors, stroke boom delimbers,  
 10 wheeled and track feller-bunchers, pull-through  
 11 delimbers, wheeled and track forwarders, chippers,  
 12 grinders, mechanical debarkers, wheeled and track  
 13 grapple skidders, yarders, bulldozers, excavators,  
 14 and log loaders.”; and

15 (2) in section 13(c) (29 U.S.C. 213(c)), by add-  
 16 ing at the end the following:

17 “(8) The provisions of section 12 relating to child  
 18 labor shall apply to an employee who is 16 or 17 years  
 19 old employed in a logging operation in an occupation that  
 20 the Secretary of Labor finds and declares to be particu-  
 21 larly hazardous for the employment of children ages 16  
 22 or 17, except where such employee is employed by his par-  
 23 ent or by a person standing in the place of his parent in

- 1 a logging operation owned or operated by such parent or
- 2 person.”.

