

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 660

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*House of Representatives, March 26, 1913.*

*Reported by Mr. Kelleher from Committee on Railroads and  
Expresses, and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN.

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AN ACT to regulate the Size and Construction of Caboose  
Cars.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. The provisions of this act shall apply to any  
2 corporation or to any person or persons while engaged as  
3 common carriers in the transportation by standard gauge  
4 railroad of passengers or property within this State to  
5 which the regulative power of this State extends. Pro-  
6 vided, however, that the provisions of this act shall not  
7 apply to any railroad operating less than twenty miles of  
8 single track.

Sect. 2. From and after the first day of July, 1914, it shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided in this act, for any such common carrier by railroad to use on its lines any caboose car or other car used for like purposes unless such caboose or other car shall, at least, be twenty-nine feet in length, exclusive of platforms and equipped with two four-wheel trucks, and said caboose car or other car shall be of constructive strength equal, at least, to that of the twenty ton capacity freight cars constructed according to master car builder standards, and shall be provided with a door in each end thereof and an outside platform across each end of said car; each platform shall not be less than twenty-four inches in width, and shall be equipped with proper guard rails, and with grab irons and steps for the safety of persons getting on and off said car. Said steps shall be equipped with a suitable rod, board or other guard at each end and at the back thereof, properly designed to prevent slipping from said step. Said caboose shall be of standard height, with cupola, and necessary closets and windows.

Sect. 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to caboose cars used by the Maine Central Railroad Company on the following parts of its lines, namely: between Waterville and Skowhegan; between Pittsfield and Hartland; between Burnham and Belfast; between Leeds Junction and Farmington; between Bangor and Bucksport; between Calais and Princeton; between Livermore Falls and Canton

8 and between Lewiston lower station and Bath via Bruns-  
9 wick.

Sect. 4. The State railroad commission is hereby author-  
2 ized to grant to any common carrier aforesaid, upon full  
3 hearing and for good cause shown, a reasonable extension  
4 of time in which to comply with the provisions of this act;  
5 provided that in no case shall such extension in the aggre-  
6 gate exceed a period of one year from the time herein  
7 limited for compliance with this act.

Sect. 5. Any common carrier as provided in section 1 of  
2 this act violating any of the provisions of this act shall be  
3 deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction  
4 thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor  
5 more than five hundred dollars for each offense to be en-  
6 forced on complaint or by indictment.