

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 205

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*In Senate, Feb. 5, 1913.*

*Presented by Senator Flaherty of Cumberland, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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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 regulating hours of employment and relating to  
Conductors and Motormen.

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

Section 1. The hours of employment for conductors and  
2 motormen on street railways are hereby regulated and fixed  
3 at nine hours or less for any single day's work.

Sect. 2. In performing any single day's work under the  
2 provision of section one, no conductor or motorman on any  
3 street railway shall be allowed or permitted, or asked to  
4 perform work for nine hours in stretches or relays cover-

5 ing a period of over eleven consecutive hours, but such nine  
6 hours or less shall in no case extend over eleven consecutive  
7 hours.

Sect. 3. The conductors and motormen of each city and  
2 town of the state are hereby given charter rights for an  
3 organization for social, fraternal and benevolent purposes.  
4 They may perfect an organization in each city and town,  
5 or may organize, or consolidate so as to include several  
6 cities and towns. Such organizations so formed are author-  
7 ized to take over any existing corporation, society or vol-  
8 untary' association whose purposes are to aid and benefit  
9 conductors or motormen or both, or other employees of  
10 street railways, or to otherwise assist any of them.

Sect. 5. Any person or corporation interfering with the  
2 exercise of the rights of any body of conductors or motor-  
3 men, or both, as said rights are set forth in section four,  
4 or interfering with, coercing, intimidating in any manner,  
5 or threatening any body of conductors or motormen, or  
6 both, or any individual conductor or motorman attempting  
7 to exercise the rights to organize under the provisions of  
8 this act, or discharges any such conductor or motorman be-  
9 cause of his activity in attempting to exercise the rights to  
10 organize under the provisions of this act, or in any manner  
11 opposes by an intimidating act any conductor or motorman  
12 attempting to so exercise such rights, shall be punished by  
13 a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thou-  
14 sand dollars for each offense.

Sect. 6. It shall be the duty of any conductor or motor-  
2 man, or any other person, aggrieved by the act, threat, coer-  
3 cion, or other intimidation, whereby his rights are interfered  
4 with in attempting to organize under the provisions of this  
5 act, and the duty of any person who knows of the unlawful  
6 act of any person or corporation in threatening, coercing,  
7 intimidating or by other means wrongfully preventing any  
8 conductor or motorman, or any body of conductors or mo-  
9 tormen, from taking advantage of the provisions of this  
10 act, to at once report such fact or facts to the county attor-  
11 ney for and within the county where such wrongful act,  
12 threat, coercion or intimidation, or any or all of them, was  
13 done or made, and it shall be the duty of such county attor-  
14 ney to fully investigate the complaint and to proceed ac-  
15 cording to law against the person or corporation so alleged  
16 to have violated the provisions of this act.

Sect. 7. Whoever violates the provisions of sections one  
2 and two of this act, or either of them, shall be punished by  
3 a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dol-  
4 lars for each offense.

Sect. 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are  
2 hereby repealed.