

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 276

In Senate, Feb. 7, 1913.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Railroads and Expresses, and on motion by Senator Smith of Penobscot laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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 railroad of pas-
4 sengers or property within this State to which the regulative
5 power of this State extends.

Sect. 2. From and after the first day of January 1914, it
2 shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided in this act,

3 for any such common carrier by railroad to use on its lines
4 any caboose-car or other car used for like purposes unless
5 such caboose or other car shall at least be thirty-five feet
6 in length, exclusive of platforms and equipped with two
7 four-wheel trucks, and said caboose car or other car shall
8 be of constructive strength equal to that of the fifty ton ca-
9 pacity freight cars constructed according to Master Car
10 Builder standards, and shall be provided with a door in each
11 end thereof and an outside platform across each end of
12 said car; each platform shall not be less than twenty-four
13 inches in width, and shall be equipped with proper guard
14 rails, and with grab irons and steps for the safety of per-
15 sons getting on and off said car. Said steps shall be
16 equipped with a suitable rod, board or other guard at each
17 end and at the back thereof, properly designed to prevent
18 slipping from said step. Said caboose shall be of standard
19 height, with cupola, and necessary closets and windows.

Sect. 3. Whenever such caboose-cars or other cars now in
2 use by such common carriers as provided by Section 1 here-
3 in shall, after this act goes into effect, be brought into any
4 shop for repairs, it shall be unlawful to again put the same
5 into the service of such common carrier within this State,
6 unless it be equipped as provided in Section 2 of this act.

Sect. 4. The State Railroad Commission is hereby au-
2 thorized to grant to any common carrier aforesaid, upon
3 full hearing and for good cause shown, a reasonable exten-
4 sion of time in which to comply with the provisions of this

5 act; provided that in no case shall such extension in the ag-
6 gregate 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 there-
4 of shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more
5 than five hundred dollars for each offence to be enforced on
6 complaint or by indictment.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from
2 and after January 1, 1914.