

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. 1276

H. D. 508

House of Representatives, April 1, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Sargent from Committee on Public Utilities
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Warning Signs at Grade Crossings.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter fifty of the public
2 laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen as amended by
3 chapter fifteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
4 twenty-one, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sect. 3. Every person operating a motor vehicle upon
2 passing any such sign which is located more than one hun-
3 dred feet from a grade crossing, shall upon reaching a
4 distance of one hundred feet from the nearest rail of such
5 crossing, forthwith reduce the speed of the vehicle to a
6 reasonable and proper rate and shall proceed cautiously

7 over the crossing. Wherever such crossing is protected by
8 gates, by a flagman, or by automatic signal, every such motor
9 vehicle operator, or person in control of such vehicle, if
10 the gates are lowered or are being lowered, or if the action
11 of the flagman or the operation of the automatic signal shall
12 indicate that a train is approaching, shall bring such vehicle
13 to a full stop at a distance of not less than ten feet from
14 the nearest rail of the crossing and shall not proceed on or
15 across the railroad track or tracks until the gates shall have
16 been raised, or until the action of the flagman shall indicate
17 that no train is approaching such crossing, or if the crossing
18 is protected by automatic signal, until such driver has ascer-
19 tained that no train is approaching. This provision shall
20 be deemed to require a precaution in addition to the duties
21 and precautions imposed by law on persons approaching
22 or crossing a railroad grade crossing.'

Sect. 2. Section four of said act is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

'Sect. 4. Whoever violates the provisions of the fore-
2 going section shall, upon conviction, be punished as pro-
3 vided by section seventy-two of chapter two hundred and
4 eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-
5 one, as amended; and in addition thereto his license to
6 operate shall be suspended or revoked. The State High-
7 way Police shall enforce the provisions of this act, and an
8 abstract thereof shall be delivered or mailed by the Secre-
9 tary of State with each operator's license.'

Sect. 3. Section six of said act is hereby amended to read
2 as follows:

‘Sect. 6. Whoever unlawfully removes, injures, or tampers
2 with any such warning sign shall be fined not less than ten
3 nor more than fifty dollars. Municipal and police courts
4 and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of any offense
5 committed under this act when the same is not of a high or
6 aggravated nature.’