

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1874.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 164.****CHAP. 164.**

An act to amend section forty-two of chapter fifty-one, revised statutes, relating to the stopping of railroad trains at crossings.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Section forty-two of chapter fifty-one, revised statutes, is amended by striking out the words "one hundred and fifty," and inserting instead thereof, the words 'five hundred,' so that said section shall read as follows :

Sec. 42, ch. 51, R. S., amendment of.

'When a railroad crosses another railroad on same grade, every engine man on both, when approaching the point of intersection, with an engine with or without a train, shall stop his engine within five hundred feet of such point and before reaching it, and shall not pass it at a rate exceeding eight miles an hour, except when from the condition of the track or train it shall be necessary to run at greater speed, and in that case the conductor or person in charge of the train shall cause some person to stand at said crossing, with a flag by day and a lantern by night, to warn trains approaching on the other road ; but when two or more crossings of the same road are within four hundred feet of each other one stop will be sufficient ; and if he violates this provision he shall forfeit, for each offense, one hundred dollars, and the corporation on whose road the offense is committed shall forfeit two hundred dollars.'

Regulations at railroad crossings

Signals to warn approaching trains.

Penalty for violation.

Approved February 17, 1874.

**Chapter 165.**

An act additional to chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the revised statutes, relating to morality and decency.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Whoever shall deface the walls, benches, seats, blackboards, or other parts of any school-house or outbuildings belonging thereto, by making thereon obscene pictures, marks or descriptions, or by writing thereon obscene language, shall be punished by fine not exceeding ten dollars ; and municipal and police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction thereof on complaint made within one year after the commission of the offense.

Penalty for defacing school houses.

Approved February 17, 1874.