

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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# THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.]

[No. 4.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY-SEVEN.

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### AN ACT to Secure the Safety of Passengers at Railroad Crossings.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any railroad now constructed  
2 or which shall hereafter be constructed, crosses or is  
3 crossed by any other railroad at the same grade, it  
4 shall be the duty of every engine-man, on both said  
5 railroads, when approaching the point of intersection  
6 with an engine attached to a train, or running  
7 without a train, before reaching such crossing to  
8 stop his engine, at some point within the distance of  
9 five hundred feet of such crossing, and when he

10 resumes his course, to pass slowly over such crossing;  
11 and when two or more crossings in the same railroad  
12 are situated within four hundred feet of each other,  
13 one stop shall suffice for both. And for every  
14 violation of this act, the engine-man offending shall  
15 forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, and  
16 the corporation on whose railroad such offense shall  
17 be committed, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two  
18 hundred dollars therefor.

SECT. 2. Any forfeiture or penalty arising under  
2 this act, may be recovered by an action of debt, or  
3 by indictment, in the county where the offense was  
4 committed. And the action may be brought in the  
5 name of the person prosecuting, or the town where  
6 the offense was committed; one-half of the forfeiture  
7 so recovered, shall enure to the prosecutor or com-  
8 plainant, and the other half to the town in which the  
9 offense was committed.

SECT. 3. Whenever the engine-man in charge of  
2 any locomotive engine, shall have sounded the  
3 whistle of such engine at the distance of eighty rods  
4 from any town way, or highway, before crossing the  
5 same, and shall continue to sound it until said way is

6 crossed, it shall be regarded as sufficient warning,  
7 in lieu of the ringing of the bell of said engine, as  
8 now required by law.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force  
2 from and after its approval by the governor.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 7, 1857. }

This bill was read the third time and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*