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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Williams of Hodgdon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Safety Devices for Railroad Utilities.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 23, § 1253-A, additional. Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1253-A, to read as follows:

§ 1253-A. Stop signs at highway-railroad grade crossings

The State Highway Commission is authorized to designate any highway-railroad grade crossings on state and state aid highways as a stop intersection and to install and maintain stop signs thereat. The Public Utilities Commission is authorized to so designate such highway-railroad grade crossings on town ways, and local municipalities shall, when ordered by the Public Utilities Commission, erect and maintain stop signs on such town ways. When such stop signs are erected, the driver of any vehicle shall stop within 50 feet but not less than 10 feet from the nearest rail of such railroad and shall proceed only upon exercising due care.

Any person who shall operate a vehicle in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days, or by both.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 23, § 1254, amended. Section 1254 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 1254. Penalties; jurisdiction

Whoever unlawfully removes, injures or tampers with any warning, caution or directional sign, described in section 59, 1251 and, 1252 and 1253-A, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50.