

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 457

H. P. 348

House of Representatives, January 28, 1971

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Genest of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Size and Construction of Railroad Caboose Cars.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 35, § 1172, repealed and replaced. Section 1172 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1172. Size and construction of caboose cars; penalty

No common carrier by railroad shall use on its lines any caboose car, or other car used for like purposes, unless such caboose or other car shall be at least 29 feet in length, exclusive of platforms, and shall be of metal frame construction and shall be sufficiently insulated to eliminate track noise. The trucks shall provide riding qualities at least equal to those of freight type trucks modified with elliptical or additional coil springs or other means of equal or greater efficiency. Cushion-type drawbars shall be provided, constructed according to master car-builder standards and shall be provided with a door in each end thereof and an outside platform across each end of said car. Each platform shall be not less than 24 inches in width and shall be equipped with proper guardrails, and with grab-irons and steps for the safety of persons getting on and off said car. The steps shall be equipped with a suitable rod, or other steel guard at each end and at the back thereof, properly designed to prevent slipping from said step. Caboose cars shall be of standard height, with a cupola or with an observation compartment extending from each side of the car, and with necessary closets and windows.

Any railroad using caboose cars or riding cars exclusively in yard service will be exempt from this section.

The provisions of this section shall become applicable on or before December 31, 1974.

Any common carrier who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, for each offense, to be enforced on complaint or by indictment.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 35, § 1173, repealed. Section 1173 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this amendment is to update existing law and insure greater safety to on-train railroad employees.