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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1182

H. P. 858

House of Representatives, February 25, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Vincent of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Removal of Abandoned Street Railroad Tracks.

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

R. S., T. 23, § 2905, additional. Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2905 to read as follows:

§ 2905. Removal of street railroad tracks

Whenever any street railroad tracks lying in or crossing a public way have not been used by a railroad corporation on a regular basis for 3 years, they shall be deemed abandoned and a hazard to the motoring public. Within one year after abandonment, such tracks shall be removed or paved over in such a manner as to eliminate any hazard to motor vehicles using the public way. The expense of removal or paving shall be borne by the corporation formerly using said tracks, or if said corporation or its successors are no longer in existence, then such expense shall be borne by the municipality.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require the removal of abandoned street railroad tracks.