

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1851**

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H. P. 1411

House of Representatives, April 5, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Provide Additional Requirements for Investigation of Railroad Company Accidents by the Public Utilities Commission.**

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

R. S., T. 35, § 142, additional. Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 142 to read as follows:

§ 142. Railroad company accidents

The commission shall investigate all accidents resulting in the loss of human life, or personal injury requiring overnight hospitalization, occurring upon the premises of any railroad company or directly or indirectly arising from or connected with its maintenance or operation and in connection with such investigation, the commission shall hold a hearing. Commission recommendations, accident reports and all other materials in the commission's file pertaining to railroad company accidents shall be made available upon request to the railroad company; the injured party or their representatives. To the extent the provisions of section 141 are not inconsistent herewith, they shall apply to railroad company accidents.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to create additional requirements in the Public Utilities Commission investigation of accidents involving railroad companies. Such additional requirements include a Public Utilities Commission investi-

gation of all accidents involving personal injury requiring overnight hospitalization. A hearing on all such accidents as well as accidents involving the loss of human life and making available to the parties directly involved in all railroad company accidents such information as the commission may assemble in connection therewith.