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No. 1401

H. P. 1133

House of Representatives, March 21, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Davies of Orono, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stetson of Wiscasset.

Cosponsor: Mr. Carroll of Limerick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Concerning Warning Signs Posted at Certain Railroad Grade Crossings
under the Public Utilities Commission.**

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

35 MRSA § 821, first paragraph, 3rd sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 242, § 4, is further amended to read:

Such bell shall be rung at a distance of 990 feet, on standard or narrow gauge railroads, from ~~such~~ all grade crossings and be kept ringing until the engine has passed the same.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a warning when a train approaches a grade crossing at a private way.

One such crossing in Wiscasset was the scene of a fatal accident in 1953, and another collision resulting in serious, permanent, personal injuries in 1975. See **Hammond v. Maine Central Railroad**, 390 A.2d 502.