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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 137

H.P. 112

House of Representatives, January 22, 1985

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Beaulieu of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative Jacques of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning Safety and Sanitary
Conditions on Railroad Property.

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

26 MRSA c. 5, sub-c. III-A is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER III-A

RAILROAD PROPERTY

§351. Rules

The Commissioner of Labor shall adopt rules in accordance with the provision of the Maine Administration Act, Title 5, chapter 375, that relate to safety and sanitation on railroad property as it affects the safety and health of railroad employees, including, but not limited to, enginemen, trainmen, yardmen, maintenance-of-way employees, clerical employees, carmen and enginehouse employees.

1 §352. Scope

2 This chapter applies to locomotives and caboose
3 cars in addition to general work area of employees of
4 railroad corporations in the State, but does not ap-
5 ply to locomotives used only in yard switching ser-
6 vice.

7 §353. Prohibition; penalty

8 A person who violates any rule that is adopted by
9 the commissioner under this chapter is guilty of a
10 Class E crime. Each violation shall be considered a
11 separate offense.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 There are presently no rules enforceable by any
14 state or federal agency that establishes basic stan-
15 dards of sanitation at the workplace in the railroad
16 industry in Maine. In addition, there are certain
17 areas that relate to safety in the rail industry that
18 are apparently unenforceable. This bill provides
19 added protection in this area for these employees.

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