

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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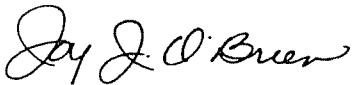
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S.P. 721

In Senate, December 12, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 12, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Transportation and 1,600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

  
JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec.

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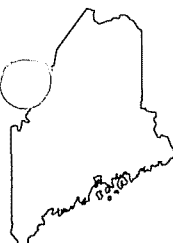
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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An Act to Require Certain Crew Standards for Railroad Safety.

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

23 MRSA §7015 is enacted to read:

**§7015. Minimum crew standards**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Conductor" means a person who is responsible for all movements of a train, including the consist of a train and the location of cars on the train, who keeps and implements all work orders for operation of the train and who is responsible for manifests showing the cargo of the train.

B. "Locomotive operator" means a person who operates a locomotive by controlling the locomotive throttle and who is responsible for signalling the train's approach to a rail-highway crossing.

**2. Minimum crew.** The minimum crew for any class of rail service, regardless of whether yard or road service, shall consist of at least 3 persons as follows:

A. One qualified locomotive operator;

B. One qualified conductor; and

C. One qualified brakeman or flagman.

**3. Enforcement.** The Department of Transportation shall inspect train crews periodically to determine compliance with this section.

**4. Penalty.** Any railroad corporation violating this section forfeits for each offense \$1,000 to the State to be recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill establishes crew standards for railroad corporations operating in the State. The standards imposed are to ensure the safety of the general public and the employees of the railroads.