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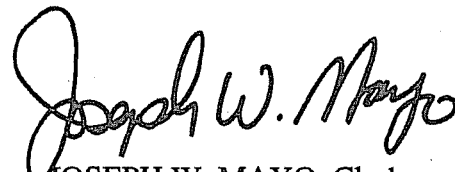
House of Representatives, February 22, 1993

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**An Act to Regulate the Safety of Off-system Railroads.**

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Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, BAILEY of Farmington.

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

4 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §5001, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

6 1-A. Off-system railroad. "Off-system railroad" includes  
8 any railroad not connected to the national rail system and not  
10 regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration or its  
12 successors.

14 Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §5005 is enacted to read:

16 §5005. Powers and duties of the Commissioner of Transportation  
18 related to railroad safety of off-system railroads

20 The commissioner shall formulate and adopt reasonable rules  
22 for safe and healthful operation of off-system railroads  
24 operating for the transportation of persons or goods. The rules  
26 formulated must conform as far as practicable to nationally  
28 recognized standards for the safe operation of railroads. These  
30 rules may not become effective sooner than 90 days after the date  
of their adoption.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill defines "off-system railroads" and authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to adopt rules for their safe operation.