

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 110.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

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AN ACT additional to chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes respecting liability of railroads for paupers.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Any railroad corporation or steamboat  
2 company which brings into this state any person having  
3 no settlement therein, if such person shall fall into dis-  
4 tress or from any cause shall become a public charge  
5 to any city, town or plantation therein, within one year  
6 thereafter, said corporation or company, on being noti-  
7 fied of the same in writing by the overseers of the poor  
8 or municipal officers of such city, town or plantation,  
9 shall cause the removal of any such person so falling  
10 into distress or becoming a public charge as aforesaid,  
11 which they are hereby authorized to do; and in default

12 thereof such corporation or company shall be liable in  
13 an action of the case for the expense of the support,  
14 sickness and burial of any such person, incurred after  
15 said notice.

SECT. 2. The notice mentioned in the foregoing sec-  
2 tion shall be deemed sufficient if left with any person  
3 acting as treasurer, superintendent or assistant super-  
4 intendent of any such railroad corporation, or agent of  
5 any such steamboat company.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

## SENATE AMENDMENTS.

## AMENDMENT "A."

After the word "aforesaid" in the tenth line, insert  
2 the words 'to the place whence they were brought, or  
3 to the place of their residence.'

## AMENDMENT "B."

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert :

2 Any railroad corporation or steamboat company  
3 which brings into this state any person having no set-  
4 tlement therein, if such person shall fall into distress  
5 or from any cause shall become a public charge to any  
6 city, town or plantation therein, within six months  
7 thereafter, said corporation or company shall cause the  
8 removal of any such person so falling into distress or  
9 becoming a public charge aforesaid, which they are  
10 hereby authorized to do ; *Provided*, such persons so  
11 falling into distress or becoming a public charge afore-  
12 said, shall be delivered on board a boat of said com-  
13 pany or at a depot of said corporation by the overseers  
14 or municipal officers, requesting such removal, and in  
15 default thereof such corporation or company shall be  
16 liable in an action of the case for the expense of the  
17 support of such person after such refusal.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 27, 1874. }

Read three times, and on motion of Mr. CORTHELL of Calais,  
ordered printed as amended by the Senate.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*