

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 37.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to facilitate and equalize the transportation
of freight and passengers over all railroads in the
state.

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

SECTION 1. All railroads in this state, intersect-
ing or crossing at grade, shall be deemed, for all
business purposes, connecting roads.

SECT. 2. Any person who is the owner or ship-
per of any freight which is destined to any point
reached by the Portland and Rochester, Portland
Saco and Portsmouth or Boston and Maine rail-
roads, and their connections south and west, shall
at all times, at his own option, have the right to
direct over and by which of the above named roads.

8 his freight shall be forwarded. And any railroad
9 in this state, by its agents or servants, receiving
10 such freight for transportation, shall, in billing the
11 same, follow explicitly the directions given by the
12 shipper as to the route by which said freight shall
13 be forwarded; but if, for any good reason, it can-
14 not be billed through to its destination by the road
15 receiving such freight, it shall be billed to such
16 convenient point or junction on their own road as
17 may be designated by the shipper, and there deliv-
18 ered to such other road or person or persons as
19 the owner or shipper may designate.

SECT. 3. Any railroad doing business in this
2 state shall receive, forward and deliver to every
3 other connecting railroad, without discrimination,
4 all passengers, freight and merchandise with equal
5 facilities and dispatch, and shall transport the same
6 at rates of fare and freight as favorable as at the
7 time shall be established, made or allowed for the
8 passengers, freight and merchandise transported
9 over its road only, or received from or destined to
10 any other railroad; *provided, however,* that the
11 Maine Central Railroad shall be entitled to receive
12 the same proportion of the rates received for trans-
13 portation of passengers, freight and merchandise
14 received from or delivered to the Portland and

15 Rochester railroad at Morrill's Corner, in the town
16 of Deering, that they would have received had
17 such passengers, freight or merchandise been re-
18 ceived from or delivered to the Portland, Saco and
19 Portsmouth railroad, the Boston and Maine rail-
20 road, or any person or persons at Portland, and no
21 more.

SECT. 4. Any railroad company chartered under
2 the laws of this state, which shall refuse to receive,
3 transport, or deliver any freight, merchandise or
4 passengers according to the provisions of this act,
5 shall for each offence forfeit and pay to the corpo-
6 ration injured, the sum of one hundred dollars, to
7 be recovered by an action on the case in any
8 county where said company has a place of business.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 30, 1879. }

Reported from the Committee on Railroads, by Mr. HOMER
of Bucksport, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*