

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 75.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to prevent the obstruction of business on certain public corporations.

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

SECTION 1. Any employee of a railroad corporation, who, in pursuance of an agreement or combination by two or more persons to do or procure to be done, any act in contemplation or furtherance of a dispute between such corporation and its employees, shall unlawfully or in violation of his duty or contract stop or unnecessarily delay or abandon, or in any way injure a locomotive, or any car or train of cars, on the railroad track of such corporation, or in any way hinder or obstruct the use of any locomotive, car or train of cars, on the railway

12 of such corporation, shall, upon conviction, be  
13 liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars  
14 or imprisonment in the state prison or in the county  
15 jail not exceeding one year.

SECT. 2. Whosoever, by any unlawful act, or by  
2 any willful omission or neglect, shall obstruct or  
3 cause to be obstructed any engine or carriage on  
4 any railway, or shall aid or assist therein; or who-  
5 soever, having charge of any engine or carriage  
6 while upon or in use on any railway of any railroad  
7 corporation, shall wilfully stop, leave or abandon  
8 the same, or render, or aid or assist in rendering  
9 the same unfit for or incapable of immediate use,  
10 with intent thereby to hinder, delay, or in any  
11 manner to obstruct or injure the management and  
12 operation of any railroad, or the business of any  
13 corporation operating or owning the same, or of  
14 any other corporation or persons; or whosoever  
15 shall aid or assist therein, shall, upon conviction,  
16 be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dol-  
17 lars, or imprisonment in the state prison or in the  
18 county jail not exceeding two years.

SECT. 3. Whoever, having any management of,  
2 or any control, either alone or with others, over any  
3 railroad locomotive, car or train of cars, while being  
4 used for the carriage of persons or property, or at

5 any time is guilty of gross carelessness or neglect  
6 on or in relation to the management or control of  
7 the same; or shall maliciously stop or delay the  
8 same, in violation of the rules and regulations then  
9 in force for the operation and running of the same;  
10 or abstract therefrom the tools or appliances per-  
11 taining thereto, with intent thereby maliciously to  
12 delay the same, shall, upon conviction, be liable to  
13 a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or im-  
14 prisonment in the state prison or in the county jail  
15 not exceeding three years.

SECT. 4. Any person who alone, or in pursuance  
2 or furtherance of any agreement or combination  
3 with others to do, or procure to be done, any act  
4 in contemplation or furtherance of a dispute or  
5 controversy between a gas, telegraph or railroad  
6 corporation and its employees or workmen, shall  
7 wrongfully and without legal authority use violence  
8 towards or intimidate any person in any way or by  
9 any means, with intent thereby to compel such per-  
10 son against his will to do, or abstain from doing,  
11 any act which such person has a legal right to do  
12 or abstain from doing; or shall on the premises of  
13 such corporation induce or endeavor or attempt to  
14 induce such person to leave the employ and service  
15 of such corporation by bribery, or in any manner,

16 or by any means, with intent thereby to further the  
17 objects of such combination or agreement; or shall  
18 in any way interfere with such person while in the  
19 performance of his duty; or shall threaten or per-  
20 sistently follow such person in a disorderly manner,  
21 or injure or threaten to injure his property with  
22 said intents, or either of them, shall, upon convic-  
23 tion, be liable to a fine not exceeding three hundred  
24 dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not ex-  
25 ceeding three months.

SECT. 5. Any person in the employ of a railroad  
2 corporation, who shall in furtherance of the inter-  
3 ests of either party to a dispute between another  
4 railroad corporation and its employees, refuse to aid  
5 in moving the cars of such corporation, or trains  
6 in whole or in part made up of the cars of such  
7 other corporation, over the tracks of the corpora-  
8 tion employing him, or refuse to aid in loading or  
9 discharging such cars, in violation of his duty as  
10 such employee, shall, upon conviction, be liable to  
11 a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or im-  
12 prisonment in the state prison or in the county jail  
13 not exceeding one year.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 6, 1879. }

Reported from the Committee on Railroads, by Mr DANA of  
Portland, and printed under Joint Rule.

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*