

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 25.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY.

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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 rail-

12 way 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 wilfull 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 or incapable of immediate use, with  
10 intent thereby to hinder, delay, or in any manner  
11 to obstruct or injure the management and opera-  
12 tion of any railroad, or the business of any corpor-  
13 ation operating or owning the same, or of any  
14 other corporation or person, or whoever shall aid  
15 or assist therein, shall upon conviction, be liable to  
16 a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or im-  
17 prisonment in the state prison or in the county  
18 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 while being used  
4 for the carriage of persons or property, or at any

5 time is guilty of gross carelessness or neglect on  
6 or in relation to the management or control of the  
7 same; or shall maliciously stop or delay the same,  
8 in violation of the rules and regulations then in  
9 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  
13 to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or  
14 imprisonment in the state prison or in the county  
15 jail 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 vio-  
8 lence towards or intimidate any person in any way  
9 or by any means, with intent thereby to compel  
10 such person against his will to do, or abstain from  
11 doing, any act which such person has a legal right  
12 to do or abstain from doing; or shall on the prem-  
13 ises of such corporation induce or endeavor or  
14 attempt to induce such person to leave the employ  
15 and service of such corporation by bribery, or in

16 any manner or by any means, with intent thereby to  
17 further the objects of such combination or agree-  
18 ment; or shall in any way interfere with such per-  
19 son while in the performance of his duty; or shall  
20 threaten or persistently follow such person in a  
21 disorderly manner, or injure or threaten to injure  
22 his property with said intents, or either of them,  
23 shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine not ex-  
24 ceeding three hundred dollars, or imprisonment in  
25 the county jail not exceeding 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  
5 aid in moving the cars of such other corporation,  
6 or trains in whole or in part made up of the cars of  
7 such other corporation, over the tracks of the cor-  
8 poration employing him; or refuse to aid in loading  
9 or discharging such cars, in violation of his duty  
10 as such employee, shall, upon conviction, be liable  
11 to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or  
12 imprisonment in the state prison or in the county  
13 jail not exceeding one year.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 23, 1880.

Reported by Mr. HARRIS from the Committee on Railroads,  
read once, and on his motion laid on the table to be printed.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*