

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 64.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad.

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

SECTION 1. Sections seventy-six and seventy-2 seven of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes 3 of this state, and chapter ninety-four of the acts of 4 eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and all other 5 chapters and acts relating to the transportation of 6 passengers and freight by railroad, shall apply to 7 and may be taken advantage of by any railroad in 8 this state, whether it makes close connection with 9 other railroads or not; and the railroad commis-10 sioners shall have the same authority and power as

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11 in cases where the railroads make a close and direct 12 connection. And no railroad doing business within 13 this state shall demand or receive of any other rail-14 road doing business within the same, whether mak-15 ing direct connection or not, or from passengers 16 over the same, or from freight forwarded over the 17 same, higher rates of fare or of freight than it de-18 mands or receives of any other railroad within the 19 state.

SECT. 2. No rebate, drawback, allowance or other 2 advantage shall be made or extended by any rail-3 road in favor of another railroad doing business 4 over the same, by which the operation of the fore-5 going section shall be changed or affected, or by 6 which one railroad doing business over the same 7 shall receive any greater advantage than any other 8 railroad doing business over the same shall receive.

SECT. 3. 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 and under the terms thereof, or which shall demand 6 or receive from any other railroad in this state for 7 the transportation of its passengers or freight, any 8 sum in excess or violation of said provisions, shall 9 for each offense forfeit and pay any corporation 10 injured the sum of one hundred dollars, to be re-11 covered by an action on the case, in any county in 13 which any of the parties in such action has a resi-14 dence or place of business.

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In SENATE, February 23, 1881.

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Reported by Mr. BEATTY, from the Committee on Railroads, laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rules.

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C. W. TILDEN, Secretary.