

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 112.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend sections eight and nine of chapter fifty-
two of the Revised Statutes, relating to Common Carriers.

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

SECTION 1. Section eight of chapter fifty-two of the
2 Revised Statutes, relating to common carriers, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows :

‘Section 8. Whenever goods, merchandise, packages or
5 parcels, transported by any railroad, steamboat, express
6 or stage company, existing by virtue of the laws of this
7 State, remain unclaimed for six months after its arrival at
8 the point to which it shall have been directed ; or goods,
9 merchandise, or other personal property remain in a
10 public ware-house for six months, after the charges
11 thereon have been rightfully demanded and left unpaid,

12 the same may be sold at auction in the city or town where
13 said railroad, steamboat, express, or stage company, has
14 its general or principal office, or where said ware-house
15 is situated; and whenever goods, merchandise, packages,
16 or parcels transported by any railroad, steamboat, express,
17 or stage company, not existing by virtue of the laws of
18 this State, and having no office of president, treasurer,
19 clerk, or general superintendent, within this State, but
20 doing business in this State, remain unclaimed for six
21 months after its arrival at the point to which it shall have
22 been directed, the same may be sold at auction, to pay
23 the charges thereon and the expense of advertising and
24 selling.'

SECT. 2. Section nine of said chapter is hereby amended
2 so as to read as follows:

'Section 9. A company existing by virtue of the laws
4 of this State, before selling any such articles or mer-
5 chandise, holding the same, shall give thirty days' notice
6 of the time and place of sale, in four public newspapers,
7 one published at Portland, in the county of Cumberland;
8 one published at Augusta, in the county of Kennebec;
9 one published at Lewiston, in the county of Androscoggin;
10 and one published at Bangor, in the county of Penobscot;
11 said notices shall contain a brief description and list of all
12 such property, and shall describe such marks thereon as
13 may serve to identify them, together with the name of the
14 consignee and the place to which said articles were billed.

Any company not existing by virtue of the laws of this
16 State, and having no office of president, treasurer, clerk,
17 or general superintendent, within this State, but doing
18 business within this State, before selling any such articles

19 or merchandise, shall give thirty days' notice of the time
20 and place of sale, by publishing notice in some public
21 newspaper, printed in the county where such merchandise
22 is so held, three weeks successively, the last publication
23 to be at least seven days before the day appointed for the
24 sale; if no newspaper is published in the county where
25 such articles or merchandise are so held, such notice shall
26 be published in some newspaper in an adjoining county.
27 Such articles, or merchandise, shall be sold at the place
28 where held.

The proceeds of all goods so sold, after deducting the
30 costs of transportation, storage, advertising and sale,
31 shall be placed to the credit of the owner, in the books
32 of the company making the sale; and shall be paid to him
33 on demand; and such company shall not be liable to said
34 owner of such property for any greater sum than so
35 received from said sale.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 19, 1891. }

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*