

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 438

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT to amend section seventy, chapter fifty-one, Revised Statutes, relating to ringing of bells and sounding of whistles on steam railroads.

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

Section 1. Section seventy of chapter fifty-one of the
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of
3 said section and substituting the following in place thereof:

‘Sect. 70. Every railroad corporation shall cause sign
5 boards with the words “Railroad Crossing” distinctly
6 painted on each side thereof in letters plainly legible,
7 to be placed and constantly maintained at the side of high-
8 ways and town ways where they are crossed at grade by such

9 railroads, on posts or other structures, in such position as to
10 be easily seen by persons passing upon such ways; and every
11 such corporation shall cause a steam whistle, and a bell of
12 at least thirty-five pounds in weight to be placed on each
13 locomotive used upon its railroad, and such whistles, or in
14 cities and villages, such bell, shall be sounded as a warning
15 at a distance of one hundred rods on standard guage rail-
16 roads and a distance of seventy-five rods on narrow guage
17 railroads from all crossings of such ways on the same level;
18 and such bell shall be rung at a distance of eighty-five rods
19 on standard guage railroads and sixty rods on narrow guage
20 railroads, from such grade crossings, and be kept ringing
21 until the engine has passed the same; provided, however, that
22 upon petition of ten or more legal voters of the State, after
23 notice to the railroad corporation and a public hearing, the
24 board of railroad commissioners may in writing order such
25 corporation to give additional warning to travelers upon such
26 ways by requiring the sounding of such whistles or the ring-
27 ing of such bells at other places where said railroads cross
28 such public ways other than at grade or run contiguous
29 thereto, and such orders shall have the same force, and place
30 the same obligations upon railroad corporations as when
31 required under the provisions of this section.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 9, 1905.

Reported by Mr. STEVENS from Committee on Railroads and
Expresses and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*