

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 168

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to temporary crossings over railroads for
lumbering purposes.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Any railroad company may, in accordance with
2 the provisions of this act, establish and maintain temporary
3 crossings of any railroad operated by it, for the purpose of
4 accommodating lumbering operations, by agreement with
5 any person who may request such crossing for lumbering
6 purposes, and upon petition to the Railroad Commissioners,
7 after notice and hearing, said Commissioners may direct any
8 Railroad Company to establish and maintain such temporary
9 crossings and at such places on its line of road as said Com-

10 missioners shall deem expedient, and thereupon said Rail-
11 road Company shall establish such crossing and maintain the
12 same in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Sect. 2. At every temporary crossing, established in ac-
2 cordance with Section 1 of this act, boards with the words
3 "Temporary Railroad Crossing, Stop, Look, Listen," dis-
4 tinctly painted thereon, on each side, in letters plainly legi-
5 ble, shall be placed on each side line of the railroad right of
6 way at such crossing, on a post or other structure in such
7 position as to be easily seen by persons about to cross the
8 railroad at such places.

Sect. 3. For any such crossing, so established, engine
2 bells shall be rung and engine whistles sounded, as provided
3 in Section 70 of Chapter 51, of the Revised Statutes.

Sect. 4. No team shall be driven over any such crossing
2 unless such team shall first be stopped at the line of the rail-
3 road right of way and the driver thereof shall first look and
4 listen, and such driver or some other person for him shall
5 first go upon such crossing, ahead of such team, and be sat-
6 isfied that such team may safely be driven over such cross-
7 ing. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Railroad
8 Commissioners from making such further regulations for
9 safety at any such crossing established under their direction,
10 as they may deem expedient or necessary.

Sect. 5. Each such crossing shall be kept open only dur-
2 ing such time each year as the parties interested therein may
3 agree upon, or as the Railroad Commissioners may specify

4 in cases where the Railroad Commissioners direct such cross-
5 ings to be established. When the Railroad Commissioners
6 shall direct any such temporary crossing to be established
7 they shall determine who shall bear the expense of estab-
8 lishing and maintaining such crossing, and furnishing and
9 erecting such sign boards, and they may, if they see fit, ap-
10 portion such expense between the Railroad Company and the
11 person or persons who shall have petitioned for such cross-
12 ing.

The expense of the crossing signs and the planking between
14 the rails shall, however, in any event be borne by the Rail-
15 road Company.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 11, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*