

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 11

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*In Senate, January 27, 1915.*

*Ordered, That one thousand copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Labor.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Flaherty of Cumberland.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT regulating hours of employment and relating to  
Conductors and Motormen.

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

Section 1. The hours of employment for conductors and  
2 motormen on street railways are hereby regulated and fixed  
3 at nine hours or less for any single day's work.

Sect. 2. In performing any single day's work under the  
2 provision of section one, no conductor or motorman on any  
3 street railway shall be allowed or permitted, or asked to  
4 perform work for nine hours in stretches or relays cover-  
5 ing a period of over eleven consecutive hours, but such nine

6 hours or less shall in no case extend over eleven consecutive hours.

Sect. 3. The conductors and motormen of each city and town of the state are hereby given charter rights for an organization for social, fraternal and benevolent purposes. They may perfect an organization in each city and town, or may organize, or consolidate so as to include several cities and towns. Such organizations so formed are authorized to take over any existing corporation, society or voluntary association whose purposes are to aid and benefit conductors and motormen or both, or other employees of street railways, or to otherwise assist any of them.

Sect. 4. Any person or corporation interfering with the exercise of the rights of any body of conductors or motormen, or both, as said rights are set forth in section four, or interfering with, coercing, intimidating in any manner, or threatening any body of conductors or motormen, or both, or any individual conductor or motorman attempting to exercise the rights to organize under the provisions of this act, or discharges any such conductor or motorman because of his activity in attempting to exercise the rights to organize under the provisions of this act, or in any manner opposes by an intimidating act any conductor or motorman attempting to so exercise such rights, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

Sect. 5. It shall be the duty of any conductor or motor-  
2 man, or any other person, aggrieved by the act, threat, co-  
3 ercion, or other intimidation, whereby his rights are inter-  
4 fered with in attempting to organize under the provisions  
5 of this act, and the duty of any person who knows of the  
6 unlawful act of any person or corporation in threatening,  
7 coercing, intimidating or by other means wrongfully pre-  
8 venting any conductor or motorman, or any body of con-  
9 ductors or motormen, from taking advantage of the pro-  
10 visions of this act, to at once report such fact or facts to  
11 the county attorney for and within the county where such  
12 wrongful act, threat, coercion or intimidation, or any or all  
13 of them was done or made, and it shall be the duty of such  
14 county attorney to fully investigate the complaint and to  
15 proceed according to law against the person or corporation  
16 so alleged to have violated the provisions of this act.

Sect. 6. Whoever violates the provisions of sections one  
2 and two of this act, or either of them, shall be punished by  
3 a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dol-  
4 lars for each offense.

Sect. 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are  
2 hereby repealed.