

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 95

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*In Senate, Feb. 12, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

*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 to amend Chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the Public Laws of 1913, entitled An Act to create a Public Utilities Commission, prescribe its powers and duties and provide for the regulation and control of public utilities.

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

Section 32 of chapter 129 of the public laws of 1913 is 2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

‘Nothing contained in this or the preceding sections shall 4 prevent transportation companies from giving free trans- 5 portation to municipal firemen and police officers of any 6 town or city throughout the state, nor shall any section 7 of this act be construed to prevent transportation com-

8 panies from carrying members of fire departments or police  
9 departments with their necessary equipment without charge  
10 therefor.'

So that section 32 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 32. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or  
13 corporation knowingly to solicit, accept or receive any re-  
14 bate, discount or discrimination in respect to any service  
15 rendered or to be rendered by any public utility, or for any  
16 service in connection therewith whereby such service shall  
17 in any manner or by any device whatsoever be rendered  
18 free or at a rate less than named in the schedule enforced  
19 as provided herein, or whereby any service or advantage  
20 is received other than is herein specified; provided that this  
21 act shall not prohibit such free or reduced rate transporta-  
22 tion by common carriers, as is defined and provided for  
23 in the Acts of Congress entitled (An Act to Regulate Com-  
24 merce) and acts amendatory thereof; nor shall it be con-  
25 strued to prohibit any public utility from granting service  
26 at reduced rates for charitable and benevolent purposes,  
27 provided the same be approved by the commission, nor  
28 shall it be unlawful for any public utility to make special  
29 rates to its employees or in cases or emergency service,  
30 nor shall the furnishing by any public utility of any prod-  
31 uct or service at the rates and upon the terms and con-  
32 ditions provided for in any contract in existence January  
33 1st, 1913, be construed as constituting a discrimination or  
34 undue or unreasonable preference or advantage within the  
35 meaning specified; provided, however, that when any such

36 contract or contracts are or become terminable by notice  
37 by such utility the commission shall have power in its dis-  
38 cretion to direct by order that such contract or contracts  
39 shall be terminated by such utility as and when directed  
40 by such order. Any person, firm or corporation violating  
41 the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine  
42 of not more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

‘Nothing contained in this or preceding sections shall pre-  
44 vent transportation companies from giving free transporta-  
45 tion to municipal firemen and police officers of any town  
46 or city throughout the state, nor shall any section of this  
47 act be construed to prevent transportation companies from  
48 carrying members of fire departments or police departments  
49 with their necessary equipment without charge therefor.’