

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 42

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*House of Representatives, Jan. 26, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges, one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Reed of Bangor.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to regulate the use of motor vehicles.

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

Section 1. Every person operating a motor vehicle upon  
2 one of the highways in this state when approaching or pass-  
3 ing a car of a street railway which has been stopped to allow  
4 passengers to alight or embark, shall bring said vehicle to a  
5 full stop; and upon approaching any street car, team or  
6 vehicle, in the well-lighted parts of the streets of a city or  
7 town, every operator of a motor vehicle shall dim or shut off  
8 the headlights of his car or vehicle until such street car,  
9 team or vehicle is passed.

Sect. 2. Every person operating a motor vehicle upon any  
2 of the highways in this state when approaching a pedestrian  
3 who is upon the travelled part of any way and not upon a  
4 sidewalk, or when approaching a curve, an intersection of  
5 two or more streets, or a portion of the way where a clear  
6 view is obstructed, shall drive his motor vehicle at a slow  
7 rate of speed and give a timely signal with his bell, horn or  
8 other device for signalling, provided that in the thickly  
9 settled parts of a city or town no bell, horn or other device  
10 for signalling shall be sounded so as to make a harsh,  
11 objectionable or unreasonable noise.

Sect. 3. Every person operating a motor vehicle shall  
2 bring the vehicle and motor propelling it to a full stop when  
3 approaching the track of a steam railroad at grade crossings,  
4 and shall remain stationary so long as may be reasonable to  
5 ascertain the approach of a train; provided that none of the  
6 provisions of this act shall apply to vehicles of the fire  
7 department or police department of any municipality, nor to  
8 ambulances.

Sect. 4. Any violations of the preceding sections shall be  
2 punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than  
3 fifty dollars, or by imprisonment of not less than thirty nor  
4 more than sixty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.