

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 551

House of Representatives, March 13, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford, tabled for printing pending acceptance of either report.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT relative to the Hours of Labor of Employees of
Street Railway Companies.

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

Section 1. A day's work for all conductors and motormen
2 who are employed by or on behalf of a street railway shall
3 not exceed nine hours, and shall be so arranged by the em-
4 ployer that it shall be performed within twelve consecutive
5 hours. No officer or agent of any such company shall re-
6 quire from said employees more than nine hours' work for a
7 day's labor. Threat of loss of employment or threat to ob-

8 struct or prevent the obtaining of employment
9 by the employees, or threat or refrain from em-
10 ploying any employee in the future shall be considered
11 coercion and requiring, within the meaning of this section.
12 But nothing herein shall prevent an employee of the charac-
13 ter mentioned in this act, if he so desires, from working
14 more hours than those prescribed in the act for extra com-
15 pensation.

Sect. 2. A company which violates any provision of this
2 act shall forfeit for each offense not less than one hundred
3 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

Sect. 3. This act shall not apply to electric roads employ-
2 ing fifteen men or less.