

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 321

House of Representatives, March 7, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Heal of Weston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes Relating to Preference or Rebate as to Rates for Service.

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

Section thirty of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out in the seventh and eighth
3 lines thereof the words "any shipper may have a combined"
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'the joint,' and by
5 striking out in the ninth line thereof the word "which"
6 and the words "sum of the charges," and inserting in
7 lieu thereof the words 'combination of intermediate rates,'
8 and by striking out the words "if he shall have made appli-

9 cation therefor in writing to any agent of the initial carrier
10 twenty-four hours before such shipment is to be made; and
11 such terms taken together shall be construed to be a joint
12 printed schedule rate for such commodity going in the
13 same direction between such points and shall then be and
14 remain open to the public without such twenty-four hours"
15 notice until cancelled by the publishing of new rates for the
16 same commodity by any such carrier," beginning in the
17 twelfth line thereof and ending in the eighteenth line there-
18 of, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 30. No preference or rebate as to rates for service.
2 It shall be unlawful for any public utility to charge, de-
3 mand, collect or receive a greater or less compensation,
4 except as otherwise provided in section thirty-four of this
5 chapter, for any service performed by it within the state
6 or for any service in connection therewith, than is specified
7 in such printed schedules, including schedules of joint rates,
8 as may at the time be in force, or to demand, collect or
9 receive any rate, toll or charge not specified in such
10 schedules, provided, however, that the joint rate for through
11 shipments over connecting lines of common carriers shall
12 not exceed the combination of intermediate rates over the
13 several lines between the two terminals of the shipment for
14 the same commodity under the most favorable terms pre-
15 scribed in the printed schedules for the connecting common
16 carriers, and no such carrier shall refuse to consign through
17 to its destination in this state, and no such connecting

18 carrier to receive and transport on such consignment, any
19 commodity which is regularly a subject of carriage and
20 through billing or consignment on the same and such con-
21 necting lines. The rates, tolls and charges named therein
22 shall be the lawful rates, tolls and charges until the same
23 are changed as provided in this chapter. The commission
24 may prescribe such changes in the form in which the
25 schedules are issued by any public utility as may be found to
26 be expedient.'