

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 133**

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In Senate, Feb. 22, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Putnam of Washington.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Chapter Fifty of the Public Laws of  
Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to Warning  
Signs at Grade Crossings.

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

Chapter fifty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and  
2 seventeen is hereby amended by adding the following sec-  
3 tions:

'Sect. 7. The person controlling the movement of any  
2 self-propelled vehicle upon passing any such warning sign  
3 located more than one hundred feet from a grade crossing  
4 shall have the vehicle under control and shall bring such  
5 vehicle to a full stop at a distance of not less than ten feet

6 nor more than fifty feet from the nearest rail of such rail-  
7 road track or tracks, and after stopping shall look and lis-  
8 ten, before crossing the railroad track or tracks, at such  
9 place and in such manner as shall be effective to prevent  
10 accident.

‘Sect. 8. Any person violating the preceding section shall  
2 be liable to punishment by a fine of fifty dollars for each  
3 offense; jurisdiction over such offenses is hereby conferred  
4 upon municipal and police courts and trial justices within  
5 the state.

‘Sect. 9. Violation of section seven hereof shall be deemed  
2 negligence and in any civil action arising out of a collision,  
3 at a crossing of a highway and steam railroad at grade,  
4 between any self-propelled vehicle and any locomotive en-  
5 gine, car or other railroad equipment, the burden of prov-  
6 ing compliance with section seven hereof shall be upon the  
7 person traveling in or in control of the self-propelled ve-  
8 hicle.’