

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 667

H. P. 1095 House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. MacPherson of Easton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Stopping of Motor Vehicles at Grade
Crossings

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

Certain motor vehicles to stop at grade crossings. Section eighty-nine of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the sixth line of said section, after the end of the first sentence, the following sentence:

'The operator of any motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire, and the operator of any school bus, shall, before crossing at grade crossings of any railway, bring his vehicle or bus to a full and complete stop, as further provided in this section', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 89. Operating motor vehicle at grade crossings, caution to be observed; to stop if warning signal indicates approach of train; certain motor vehicles to stop at grade crossings. Every person operating a motor vehicle upon passing any sign provided for in sections eighty-five and eighty-six of chapter twenty-eight which is located more than one hundred feet from a grade crossing shall, upon reaching a distance of one hundred feet from the nearest rail of such crossing, forthwith reduce the speed of the vehicle to a reasonable and proper rate and shall proceed cautiously over the crossing. The operator of any motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire, and the operator of any school bus, shall, be-

fore crossing at grade crossings of any railway, bring his vehicle or bus to a full and complete stop, as further provided in this section. Wherever such crossing is protected by gates, by a flagman, or by automatic signal, every such motor vehicle operator, or person in control of such vehicle, if the gates are lowered or are being lowered, or if the action of the flagman or the operation of the automatic signal shall indicate that a train is approaching, shall bring such vehicle to a full stop at a distance of not less than ten feet from the nearest rail of the crossing and shall not proceed on or across the railroad track or tracks until the gates shall have been raised, or until the action of the flagman shall indicate that no train is approaching such crossing, or if the crossing is protected by automatic signal, until such driver has ascertained that no train is approaching. This provision shall be deemed to require a precaution in addition to the duties and precautions imposed by law on persons approaching or crossing a railroad grade crossing.'