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**Legislative Document**

**No. 599**

H. P. 1149

House of Representatives, Feb. 8, 1933.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Breen of Lewiston.

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## S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-  
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AN ACT Relating to Protection at Grade Crossings.

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

**Section 1. R. S. c. 64, § 88, amended.** Section 88 of chapter 64 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 88. Public utilities commission may require installation of automatic signals at railroad crossings; expense, how borne; term defined.** The public utilities commission is hereby given authority to require each steam railroad company operating within this state to install, operate, and maintain an automatic signal **gates or other protective device or to require a flagman to be stationed** at any highway crossing within this state, where, after reasonable notice and hearing, said commission shall decide that public safety requires such signal, **gates, other protective device or flagman** as a proper measure of protection. The expense of installing, operating, and maintaining any such signal, **gates or other protective device, or of providing such flagman**, shall be borne by the corporation operating the railroad passing over the crossing to be protected. Wherever the term “signal” or “automatic signal” is used in this chapter, the same shall be construed to be an appliance which gives warning of the approach of a train and which is either audible and visible by day and by night, or audible or visible, as may be determined by the commission.’

**Sec. 2. R. S. c. 63, § 73, repealed.** Section 73 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.