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Legislative Document

No. 324

H. P. 1115

House of Representatives, February 9, 1937.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Parsons of Hartford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Removal of Obstructions at Grade Crossings by
Municipal Officers or County Commissioners.**

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

R. S., c. 64, § 90, amended. Section 90 of chapter 64 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 90. Municipal officers, or county commissioners, on order of commission, to remove obstructions; 10 days' notice to be given to interested parties. At every crossing of a highway or other way and a steam railroad at grade and at every crossing of a highway or other way and an electric railroad at grade the municipal officers of the town **or county commissioners in the case of unorganized places** in which the crossing is located are given authority and are hereby required, when by order directed so to do by the public utilities commission, after 10 days' notice to all persons interested, to remove embankments and other obstructions within highway limits and to enter upon private property and properly trim, cut down, or remove, and from time to time as may be necessary to keep trimmed, cut down, and removed, bushes, trees, fences, sign-boards, and encroachments which obstruct the view of an engine, train, or car by a traveler at or near any such

crossing. The authority of the commission in any order, and of the municipal officers **or county commisioners** acting thereunder shall not extend beyond a point 150 feet on either side of any such crossing measured along the highway or other way or beyond a point 300 feet on either side of any such crossing measured along the railroad right of way, the purpose herein being to enable a traveler on any such way, when such traveler is 150 feet or less distant from any such crossing, to have a fair view of an approaching train, engine, or car from one or more angles continuously from the time such train, engine, or car is 300 feet from such crossing until it has passed over the same.'