

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 392

S. P. 256

In Senate, February 9, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Goudy of Cumberland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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### AN ACT Relating to Grade Crossings.

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

**R. S., c. 63, § 72, amended.** Section 72 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 26 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 72. Sign-boards to be maintained at grade crossings; bell on engine and when to be rung; public utilities commission may require whistle or sounding of bell for warning.** Every railroad corporation shall cause sign-boards with the words "Railroad Crossing" distinctly painted on each side thereof in letters plainly legible, to be placed and constantly maintained at the side of highways and town ways where they are crossed at grade by such railroads, on posts or other structures, in such position as to be easily seen by persons passing upon such ways; and every such corporation shall cause a whistle, and a bell of at least 35 pounds in weight to be placed upon each locomotive used upon its railroad, and such whistles shall be sounded as a warning beginning at a distance of 60 rods on standard and narrow gauge railroads from all crossings of such ways on the same level, unless the public utilities commission upon petition of the corporation or of the municipal officers or of 10 or more ~~legal voters~~ **residents** of any city

or town in which such crossing is located, after notice and hearing, shall order the sounding of such whistle to be discontinued in any city or village until further order of the commission; and such bell shall be rung at a distance of 60 rods on standard and narrow gauge railroads, from such grade crossings, and be kept ringing until the engine has passed the same; provided, however, that upon petition of 10 or more ~~legal voters~~ **residents** of the state, after notice to the railroad corporation and a public hearing, the public utilities commission may in writing order such corporation to give additional warning to travelers upon such ways by requiring the sounding of such whistles or the ringing of such bells at other places where said railroads cross such public ways other than at grade or run contiguous thereto, and such orders shall have the same force, and place the same obligations upon railroad corporations as when required under the provisions of this section.'