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In Senate, February 11, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Graves of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relative to Operation of Motor Vehicles for Transporting Property for Hire.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 259, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 259 of the public laws of 1933, as amended by chapter 146 of the public laws of 1935, hereby is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 4. Schedules of rates to be filed. Every holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall file with the commission a schedule or schedules showing its rates or charges for service rendered or furnished or to be rendered or furnished within the state, including rates or charges established jointly with other such holders to the extent authorized by the commission over routes not served by a single common carrier. Such rates shall be just and reasonable. Such schedule or schedules shall be subject to the approval of the commission. No such holder of a certificate, or of a permit, nor any officer, agent or employe of such holder, shall charge, demand, exact, receive or collect, directly or indirectly, for any service rendered an amount greater or less than the rate specified in such its schedule or schedules, filed with the commission, or in the case of holders of permits

less than the minimum rate prescribed by the commission, nor shall any such holder of a certificate, or of a permit, nor any officer, agent or employe of such holder, refund or remit, directly or indirectly, in any manner or by any device, any portion of the rate so specified, or prescribed, nor make or give any unreasonable preference or advantage to any person, nor subject any person to any unreasonable prejudice or discrimination. The commission may, on its own motion or on complaint by an interested party, after notice and hearing, allow or disallow, alter or prescribe such rates. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employe thereof, knowingly to solicit, accept, or receive any rebate, discount or discrimination in respect of any service rendered by the holder of any such certificate or permit whereby any such service shall in any manner, or by any device, whatsoever, be rendered free or at a rate less than named in the schedules in force as provided therein, or as prescribed by the commission as a minimum rate; except that free or reduced rate transportation of property may be given by a holder of any such a certificate or permit for the same purposes and to the same extent as is authorized by section 38 of chapter 62 of the revised statutes.'