

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 857

H. P. 1526

House of Representatives, February 17, 1949.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Charles of Hudson by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for the Installation of Head and Rear Lights on
Track Motor Cars Operated by Railroads.

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

R. S., c. 42, §§ 74-A, 74-B, additional. Chapter 42 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 74-A and 74-B, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 74-A. Head and rear lights. Every person, firm or corporation operating or controlling any railroad running through or within the state shall, on or before January 1, 1950, equip each of its track motor cars used during the period from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise, with an electric headlight of such construction and with sufficient candle power to render plainly visible at a distance of not less than 300 feet in advance of such track motor car, any track obstruction, landmark, warning sign or grade crossing, and further shall equip such track motor car with a red rear electric light of such construction and with sufficient candle power as to be plainly visible at a distance of 300 feet. It shall be unlawful after January 1, 1950 for any person, firm or corporation operating or controlling any railroad running through or within this state to operate or use any track motor car from 30 minutes before sunset to

30 minutes after sunrise, which is not equipped with lights of the candle power, construction and utility described in this section.

Sec. 74-B. Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation operating or controlling any railroad running through or within this state using or permitting to be used on its line in this state a track motor car in violation of the provisions of section 74-A shall be liable to a penalty of \$100 for each violation to be recovered in a suit or suits to be brought by the county attorney in the superior court of the county having jurisdiction in the locality where such violation occurred. Upon duly verified information being given him of such violation, such county attorney shall bring such suits.'