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House of Representatives, March 4, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Haughn of Bridgton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT to Protect the Health and Safety of Railroad Employees.

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

R. S., c. 46, §§ 79-A - 79-C, additional. Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new sections to be numbered 79-A to 79-C, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 79-A. Electric lighting for caboose cars. Every railroad corporation, operating or controlling any railroad with more than 40 miles of main line track in this State, shall equip its caboose cars with adequate electric lighting for all activities carried on within such cars. After such electrical equipment has been installed on caboose cars, it shall continue to be properly maintained by the railroad.

Sec. 79-B. Cushion draft gear for caboose cars. Every railroad corporation operating or controlling any railroad with more than 40 miles of main line track in this State, shall equip its caboose cars with improved cushion draft gear. Said draft gear shall continue to be properly maintained by the railroad after each installation has been completed.

Sec. 79-C. Compliance. The equipment required to be installed in accordance with sections 79-A and 79-B shall be completed within 3 years of the effective date of this act. Each railroad affected by sections 79-A and 79-B shall complete such required electrical and draft gear installations at the rate of not less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of its caboose cars each year. Each railroad shall report to the Public Utilities Commission on August 1st on each year of the following 3 years starting in 1960 stating how many caboose cars have been completely rehabilitated

in accordance with the requirements of sections 79-A and 79-B and how many caboose cars in service remain to be rehabilitated.

Any railroad corporation affected by sections 79-A and 79-B found violating the provisions contained therein forfeits not more than \$100 for every violation.⁷