

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1857.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1857.

Chapter 13.

An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings, in cities and villages.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. The municipal authorities of any city or village corporation in this state may make and establish such regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, as shall effectually protect persons from danger of injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings, in said city or village corporation, and said municipal authorities shall notify persons owning such buildings of such regulations; and if such owners, after having been duly notified, shall neglect or refuse to comply with such regulations for the space of thirty days after being so notified, such owners shall be liable for all injuries suffered or sustained by any person in consequence of such non-compliance.

Municipal authorities authorized to make and establish regulations to protect persons from injury.

—shall notify owners of buildings. Liability of owners for neglect, &c.

SECT. 2. If any owner of such buildings shall neglect or refuse, after thirty days notice, to comply with such regulations, the municipal authorities may, at the expense of the city or village corporation, place such guards or other obstructions upon the roofs of said buildings as their regulations shall require; and the owner of such buildings shall be liable to repay all reasonable charges for the same, to such city or village corporation.

Proceedings in case of refusal, &c., to comply with regulations.

[Approved March 20, 1857.]

Chapter 14.

An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. Whenever any railroad now constructed, or which shall hereafter be constructed, crosses or is crossed by any other railroad, at the same grade, it shall be the duty of every engineer, on both of said railroads, when approaching the point of intersection, with an engine attached to a train, or running without a train, before reaching such crossing to stop his engine at some point within the distance of five hundred feet of such crossing, and when he resumes his course to pass at a rate not exceeding eight miles an hour over such crossing; and when two or more crossings on the same railroad are situated within four hundred feet of each other, one stop shall suffice for both.

Regulations at railroad crossings.