

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Chapter 94.

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An Act to facilitate and equalize the transportation of Freight and Passengers over all Railroads in the State.

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

SECT. 1. All railroads in this State, intersecting or crossing at grade, shall be deemed, for all business purposes, connecting roads.

Intersecting railroads deemed connecting.

SECT. 2. Any person who is the owner or shipper of any freight which is destined to any point reached by the Portland and Rochester, Portland Saco and Portsmouth or Boston and Maine railroads, and their connections south and west, shall at all times, at his own option, have the right to direct over and by which of the above named roads his freight shall be forwarded. And any railroad in this State, by its agents or servants, receiving such freight for transportation, shall, in billing the same, follow explicitly the directions given by the shipper as to the route by which said freight shall be forwarded. But if, for any good reason, it cannot be billed through to its destination by the road receiving such freight, it shall be billed to such convenient point or junction on their own road as may be designated by the shipper, and there delivered to such other road or person or persons as the owner or shipper may designate.

Shippers to have the right to determine over what lines goods shall be forwarded.

Directions of shipper to be followed by R. R. Co. in billing freight.

SECT. 3. Any railroad doing business in this State shall receive, forward and deliver to every other connecting railroad, without discrimination, all passengers, freight and merchandise with equal facilities and despatch, and shall transport the same at rates of fare and freight as favorable as at the time shall be established, made or allowed for the passengers, freight and merchandise transported over its road only, or received from or destined to any other railroad; provided, however, that the Maine Central Railroad shall be entitled to receive the same proportion of the rates received for transportation of passengers, freight and merchandise received from or delivered to the Portland and Rochester Railroad at Morrill's Corner, in the town of Deering, that they would have received had such passengers, freight or merchandise been received from or delivered to the Portland Saco and Portsmouth Railroad, the Boston and Maine Railroad, or any person or persons at Portland, and no more.

Railroads not to discriminate between passengers and freight transported entirely over their lines and those destined for other roads.

Proviso.

Proportion of rates that Me. Central R. R. shall receive in certain cases.

SECT. 4. Any railroad company, chartered under the laws of this State, which shall refuse to receive, transport, or deliver any freight, merchandise or passengers according to the provisions of this act, shall for each offense forfeit and pay to the corporation injured, the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by an action on the case in any county where said company has a place of business.

Forfeiture in case any R. R. chartered by law of this State not complying with provisions of this act.

Approved February 14, 1879.