

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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Chapter 200.

CHAP. 200

An act to prevent the obstruction of business on certain Public Corporations.

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

SECT. 1. Any employee of a railroad corporation who, in pursuance of an agreement or combination by two or more persons to do, or procure to be done, any act in contemplation or furtherance of a dispute between such corporation and its employees, shall, unlawfully or in violation of his duty or contract, stop or unnecessarily delay or abandon, or in any way injure a locomotive or any car or train of cars on the railroad track of such corporation, or in any way hinder or obstruct the use of any locomotive, car or train of cars on the railway of such corporation, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the state prison or in the county jail not exceeding one year.

Combinations to stop or delay trains, or injure property of railroads, how punished.

SECT. 2. Whosoever, by any unlawful act, or by any willful omission or neglect, shall obstruct or cause to be obstructed any engine or carriage on any railway, or shall aid or assist therein ; or whosoever, having charge of any engine or carriage while upon or in use on any railway of any railroad corporation, shall willfully stop, leave or abandon the same, or render, or aid or assist in rendering the same unfit for or incapable of immediate use, with intent thereby to hinder, delay, or in any manner to obstruct or injure the management and operation of any railroad, or the business of any corporation operating or owning the same, or of any other corporation or person, or whoever shall aid or assist therein, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment in the state prison or in the county jail not exceeding two years.

Malicious obstruction of any engine or carriage, or abandonment of same on railway, etc., how punished.

SECT. 3. Whoever, having any management of, or any control either alone or with others, over any railroad locomotive, car or train while being used for the carriage of persons or property, or at any time is guilty of gross carelessness or neglect on, or in relation to, the management or control of the same ; or shall maliciously stop or delay the same, in violation of the rules and regulations then in force for the operation and running of the same ; or abstract therefrom the tools or appliances pertaining thereto, with intent thereby

Gross carelessness and neglect in management and control of railroads, how punished.

CHAP. 200

The use of violence or intimidation in furtherance of any combination to injure the service of any gas, telegraph or railroad corporation, how punished.

maliciously to delay the same, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment in the state prison or in the county jail not exceeding three years.

SECT. 4. Any person who, alone, or in pursuance or furtherance of any agreement or combination with others, to do, or procure to be done, any act in contemplation or furtherance of a dispute or controversy between a gas, telegraph or railroad corporation and its employees or workmen, shall wrongfully and without legal authority, use violence towards, or intimidate any person, in any way or by any means, with intent thereby to compel such person against his will to do, or abstain from doing, any act which such person has a legal right to do or abstain from doing; or shall, on the premises of such corporation, induce, or endeavor or attempt to induce, such person to leave the employ and service of such corporation by bribery, or in any manner or by any means, with intent thereby to further the objects of such combination or agreement; or shall in any way interfere with such person while in the performance of his duty; or shall threaten or persistently follow such person in a disorderly manner, or injure or threaten to injure his property with said intents, or either of them, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months.

Refusal of employees of corporations to perform duty, how punished.

SECT. 5. Any person in the employ of a railroad corporation, who shall, in furtherance of the interests of either party to a dispute between another railroad corporation and its employees, refuse to aid in moving the cars of such other corporation, or trains in whole or in part made up of the cars of such other corporation, over the tracks of the corporation employing him; or refuse to aid in loading or discharging such cars, in violation of his duty as such employee, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the state prison or in the county jail not exceeding one year.