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**Chapter 75.**

An Act to amend section forty-one, chapter six of the Revised Statutes, relating to tax on Railroads.

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

Section forty-one, chapter six of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, so that when amended, it shall read as follows :

Sec. 41, ch. 6, R. S., amended.

'SECT. 41. Every corporation, person or association, operating any railroad in the state under lease or otherwise, shall pay to the treasurer of state, for the use of the state, an annual excise tax, for the privilege of exercising its franchises and the franchises of its leased roads in the state, which, with the tax provided for in section four, is in place of all taxes upon such railroad, its property and stock. There shall be apportioned and paid by the state from the taxes received under this and the six following sections, to the several cities and towns in which, on the first day of April in each year, is held railroad stock of either such operating or operated roads exempted from other taxation, an amount equal to one per cent on the value of such stock on that day, as determined by the governor and council; provided, however, that the total amount thus apportioned on account of any railroad, shall not exceed the sum received by the state as tax on account of such railroad; and provided further, that there shall not be apportioned on account of any railroad and its several parts, if any, operated by lease or otherwise, a greater part of the whole tax received from such railroad and its several parts, than the proportion which the amount of capital stock of such railroad and its several parts owned in this state, bears to the whole amount of the capital stock of said railroad and its several parts.'

Corporations or persons operating railroads, shall pay annual excise tax.

State shall pay cities and towns one per cent on stock held therein.

—proviso.

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Approved March 7, 1887.

**Chapter 76.**

An Act additional to chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Safety Switches and Lights.

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

SECT. 1. Every railroad company running express trains in this state, shall place safety switches of an approved sort at every siding connecting with the main track; switch lights

Railroad companies required to place safety switches at every siding.

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—switch lights shall be maintained.  
Penalty for changing switch or lights.

shall also be maintained throughout that portion of every railroad where trains are run after dark.

SECT. 2. Whoever, without authority, shall alter, change, or in any manner interfere with any safety switch or switch lights on any railroad, shall be liable to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, or imprisonment for not less than sixty days.

Approved March 7, 1887.

**Chapter 77.**

An Act to amend section thirty-one of chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, relating to Fish-Ways.

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

Sec. 31, ch. 40, R. S., amended.

Section thirty-one of chapter forty of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by striking out of said section, the following words : "Duck Trap stream in Lincolnville and Belmont," so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Waters exempted from provisions relating to migratory fish.

'SECT. 31. The following waters and their tributaries are exempt from provisions relating to migratory fishes, and the supervision of fish-ways, by the commissioners, that is to say : Royall's river in North Yarmouth ; Sewall's pond, or its outlet, in Arrowsic ; Nequasset stream in Woolwich ; so much of the waters of the Damariscotta river as are west of the railroad bridge, near Damariscotta Mills ; the eastern Penobscot river in Orland ; Winslow's and Leach's streams in Penobscot ; all waters in Vinalhaven, Bluehill, Tremont, Mount Desert, Eden, Franklin and Sullivan ; Tunk river in Steuben ; Pleasant river in Washington county ; East Machias river and Cobscook or Orange river in Whiting.'

Approved March 8, 1887.

**Chapter 78.**

An Act to amend section two of chapter forty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to Peddlers' Licenses.

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

Sec. 2, ch. 44, R. S., amended.

Section two of chapter forty-four of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section following the word "free" in