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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
OF THE  
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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

1905.

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smelts taken in West bay and West bay stream, so called, in the town of Gouldsboro, Hancock county, between the first and the fifteenth days of April.'

Approved February 28, 1905.

### Chapter 31.

An Act to amend Section eighteen of Chapter one hundred and forty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the support of persons committed to the Insane Hospitals.

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

Section eighteen of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "support" in the second line of said section, the words 'or becoming unable to pay for his support after commitment any like officer with power to commit,' so that the same when amended, shall read as follows:

Section 18, chapter 144, R. S., amended.

'Section 18. The officers ordering the commitment of a person unable to pay for his support, or becoming unable to pay for his support after commitment, or their successors, any like officer with power to commit, may, in writing, certify that fact to the trustees, and that he has no relatives liable and of sufficient ability to pay for it; and if the trustees are satisfied that such certificate is true, the treasurer of the hospital may charge to the state one dollar and fifty cents a week for his board, and deduct it from the charge made to the patient or town for his support.'

When support of persons committed to insane hospitals may be charged to state.

Approved February 28, 1905.

### Chapter 32.

An Act to provide for the better protection of motormen and conductors on electric cars.

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

Section 1. On and after the first day of December in the year nineteen hundred and five, all street cars in regular use for the transportation of passengers in December, January, February and March in each year, except as provided in the following section, shall have their platforms enclosed in such manner as to protect the motormen, conductors or other employees who operate such cars from exposure to wind and weather in such manner as the board of railroad commissioners shall approve.

Platforms to be enclosed.

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Cars included  
in provisions  
of this act.

Section 2. Such street cars shall include all regular street cars which are operated by steam, electricity or other motive power, which, while in motion, require the constant care or service of an employee upon the platforms of the car or upon one of them. This act shall not apply to special cars or cars used for temporary service in an emergency.

Penalty for  
violation.

Section 3. A street railway company which fails or neglects to comply with the provisions of the two preceding sections shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for each day during which such neglect continues, and a superintendent or manager of such street railway who causes or permits such violation shall be jointly and severally liable with said railway to said fine.

Street  
railway  
companies  
may petition  
to be  
exempted  
from  
provisions  
of this act.

Section 4. Any street railway company operating cars may, on or before the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and five, petition the board of railroad commissioners to be exempted from the provisions of this act so far as relates to such lines or routes owned or controlled by said company, where said company claims cars cannot be operated with safety; and if after hearing and investigation said board decides that in its opinion street cars with the platform enclosed, as required by section one of this act, cannot be operated with safety in such city, upon any or all of its lines or routes, this act shall not be applicable to said company, its officers or cars, so far as relates to such lines or routes so decided to be unsafe for such operation. Said board shall render its decision on all petitions brought under this section, with the reason for such decision, on or before the first day of December in the year nineteen hundred and five, but said decision shall be at any time subject to revision by said board. If, however, said board shall decide adversely to the claim of said company in regard to any lines or routes included in said petition, then said petitioning railway company shall enclose the platforms of its cars operated on such lines or routes, in the manner provided in section one, within such time as said board of railroad commissioners shall deem reasonably requisite.

Approved March 7, 1905.