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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

1905.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 94.

An Act to amend Section seventy, Chapter fifty-one, Revised Statutes, relating to ringing of Bells and sounding of Whistles on Steam Railroads.

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

Section 70,
chapter 51,
R. S.,
amended.

Section 1. Section seventy of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting the following in place thereof:

Signboards
with words,
"railroad
crossing"
to be
maintained
at grade
crossings.]

'Section 70. Every railroad corporation shall cause sign boards with the words "railroad crossing" distinctly painted on each side thereof in letters plainly legible, to be placed and constantly maintained at the side of highways and town ways where they are crossed at grade by such railroads, on posts or other structures, in such position as to be easily seen by persons passing upon such ways; and every such corporation shall cause a steam whistle, and a bell of at least thirty-five pounds in weight to be placed on each locomotive used upon its railroad, and such whistles, or in cities and villages, such bell, shall be sounded as a warning at a distance of one hundred rods on standard gauge railroads and a distance of seventy-five rods on narrow gauge railroads from all crossings of such ways on the same level; and such bell shall be rung at a distance of eighty-five rods on standard gauge railroads and sixty rods on narrow gauge railroads, from such grade crossings, and be kept ringing until the engine has passed the same; provided, however, that upon petition of ten or more legal voters of the state, after notice to the railroad corporation and a public hearing, the board of railroad commissioners may in writing order such corporation to give additional warning to travelers upon such ways by requiring the sounding of such whistles or the ringing of such bells at other places where said railroads cross such public ways other than at grade or run contiguous thereto, and such orders shall have the same force, and place the same obligations upon railroad corporations as when required under the provisions of this section.'

—bell on
engine and
when to be
rung.

—whistle or
sounding
of bell for
warning.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 21, 1905.