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**Chapter 325.**

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An Act Amending Chapter One Hundred Forty-seven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Thirteen, Relating to the Abolishment of Grade Crossings of Railroads.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred forty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen is hereby amended by striking out the words "selectmen of a town" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words 'municipal officers of a town or city;' and by striking out the words "Board of Railroad Commissioners" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the words 'Public Utilities Commission;' and also by inserting in the eleventh line thereof between the word "petitioners" and the word "the," the words 'the State Highway Commission,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Ch. 147, Sec. 1, P. L., 1913, amended.

'Section 1. The municipal officers of a town or city in which a public way crosses or is crossed by a railroad, may file a petition in writing with the Public Utilities Commission alleging that public safety requires an abolishment of or an alteration in such crossing, or its approaches; or a change in the method of crossing a public way; or the closing of a crossing and the substitution of another therefor, not at grade; or the removal of obstructions to the sight at such crossing, and praying that the same may be ordered; whereupon said Commissioners shall appoint a time and place for a hearing thereon after notice of not less than ten days to the petitioners, the State Highway Commission, the corporation, the municipality in which such crossing is situated, the owners or occupants of the land adjoining such crossing, or adjoining that part of the way to be changed in grade, and to the Attorney General of the State, whose duty it shall be by himself or through the county attorney of the county wherein the crossing is located, to represent the interests of the State at such hearing. And after such notice and hearing said Commissioners shall determine what abolishment, alteration, change or removal, if any, shall be made for public safety and by whom such abolishment, alteration, change or removal shall be made. And to facilitate such abolishments, alterations, changes or removals, highways and other ways may be raised or lowered or the courses of the same may be altered to permit a railroad to pass at the side thereof. For the aforesaid purposes land may be taken and damages awarded as provided for laying out highways and other ways. The Com-

Municipal officers may petition Public Utilities Commission for a hearing.

—allegations.

Commissioners shall appoint time and place for hearing.

Attorney General shall represent the State.

Powers and duties of the Commissioners.

—may take land and award damages.

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missioners shall determine and fix the damages sustained by any person whose land is taken and the special damages which the owner of land adjoining the public way may sustain by reason of any change in the grade of such way. Said Commissioners shall apportion such expenses and damages between the State, the town in which the crossing is located, and the corporation owning or operating the railroad which crosses such public way, and shall order twenty-five per cent thereof to be paid by the State, and ten per cent thereof to be paid by the town in which such crossing is located, and the remainder thereof shall be paid by the corporation owning or operating the railroad. While the use of any way is obstructed in carrying out the foregoing provisions of this section, such temporary way shall be provided by the corporation as the Commissioners may order; provided, however, that the Commissioners shall not make any order upon any petition filed under the provisions of this act until they are satisfied, by investigation or otherwise, that the financial condition of the corporation owning or operating the railroad in question will enable said corporation to comply with such order, and that the probable benefit to the public will warrant said order and the probable expense resulting therefrom, and that said order can be complied with without exceeding the state appropriation available therefor.'

—may apportion expenses and damages.

—how paid.

—temporary ways shall be provided.

—proviso.

Ch. 147, Sec. 4, P. L., 1913, amended.

Section 2. Section four of chapter one hundred forty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen is hereby amended by striking out after the word "sum" in the third line thereof all of the remaining words of said section and substituting therefor the following words: 'shall be annually appropriated,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Amount to be paid by the State limited.

'Section 4. The amount to be paid under the provisions of the preceding sections by the State in any one year shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars and said sum shall be annually appropriated.'

Ch. 147, Sec. 6, P. L., 1913, re-numbered.

Section 3. Section six of chapter one hundred forty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen is hereby amended by re-numbering said section so that it shall be numbered section seven instead of section six.

Ch. 147, P. L., 1913, amended, additionally.

Section 4. Chapter one hundred forty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen is hereby amended by adding after section five the following section:

Right of petition of State Highway Commission.

'Section 6. The State Highway Commission shall have the same right of petition under this act that is granted to the municipal officers of a town or city, and in case of a petition

being filed by them in accordance with the provisions of section one, the municipal officers of any city or town interested in the subject matter of said petition shall be notified by the Public Utilities Commission of the filing of such petition and given opportunity to appear thereon.'

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### Chapter 326.

An Act to Amend Section Seventeen of Chapter Eighty of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Authority of the County Commissioners of Cumberland County to Raise Money by Temporary Loans.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section seventeen of chapter eighty of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter sixty-four of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred seven, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting therefor the following:

Ch. 80, Sec. 17, R. S., as amended, further amended.

'Section 17. The county commissioners of Cumberland and Kennebec counties may, without obtaining the consent of their respective counties, raise, by temporary loans to be paid within one year from the time when the same is contracted, sums not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars respectively, in any year for use of their respective counties, and cause notes or obligations of their respective counties with coupons for lawful interest to be issued for payment thereof as aforesaid.'

County commissioners of Cumberland and Kennebec counties may raise money when necessary.—amount limited.

Approved April 2, 1915.

### Chapter 327.

An Act Relative to the Employment of Minors.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about, or in connection with any manufacturing or mechanical establishment. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work at any business or service for hire, whatever during the hours that the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session.

Employment of children under 14 years of age regulated.

Section 2. No minor between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in any of the aforementioned occupations unless the person, firm

Regulations for employment of minors be-