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Chapter 36.

An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Require Through Routes and Joint Rates by Common Carriers for the Transportation of Persons or Property.

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

Sec. 1. Public utilities commission may order connecting steam railroads to establish joint rates. The public utilities commission may, after hearing, on a complaint or upon its own motion without complaint, require any two or more railroads operated by steam whose lines form a continuous line of transportation, or could be made reasonably so to do by the construction and maintenance of switch connection or interchange track at connecting points, to establish through routes, and joint rates, fares, charges and classifications for the transportation of property or passengers, provided there is no reasonable existing through route between the places it is desired to serve.

Sec. 2. Commission may prescribe joint rates when railroads fail to comply. On failure of such railroads to establish joint rates, fares, charges or classifications, as provided in the preceding section, the commission may, in the same proceeding, or in a separate proceeding involving rates, fares, charges or classifications, prescribe joint rates, fares, charges and classifications as the maximum to be exacted for the transportation by them of property or passengers, and if such companies cannot agree as to the division of rates, fares, or the conditions under which such through rates or transportation shall be established or such cars or other equipment, operated, the commission may, after due hearing, determine and prescribe the proportionate portions of such through rates, fares or charges payable to each of such companies necessary to the establishment of such through routes or transportation and the conditions under which such through routes or transportation shall be established, or the conditions under which such cars or other equipment shall be operated.

Sec. 3. Railroad not to be required to short haul itself. In establishing any such through route the commission shall not require any company, without its consent, to embrace in any such route substantially less than the entire length of the railroad owned, leased, operated or controlled by it, or operated in conjunction and under a common management therewith, which lies between the places to be served by such through route.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to require, or as authorizing the commission to require, any steam railroad to "short haul" itself or to give the use of its tracks or of its terminal facilities to another carrier engaged in a like or similar business.

Approved March 15, 1917.

Chapter 37.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty of Chapter Twenty-four of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Crossing of Railroad Tracks by Town Ways and Highways.

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

R. S., c. 24, § 30, relating to crossing of railroad tracks by town ways and highways, amended. Section thirty of chapter twenty-four of the re-