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thereof, taken in said town. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall pay a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.

Approved March 10, 1921.

Chapter 15.

An Act to Amend Section Two of Chapter Fifty of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen Relating to Warning Signs at Grade Crossings.

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

1917, c. 50, § 2; relating to the specifications and location of warning signs at grade crossings, amended. Section two of chapter fifty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph at the end of said section:

‘Such locations shall always be kept clear so that such signs shall be plainly visible, and for this purpose the municipal officers of the several towns in which such signs are located are hereby authorized and required, either upon their own motion or when requested by the public utilities commission, or by the state highway commission, from time to time, to cut down, trim or remove all bushes, trees or other obstructions which may impair the view of any of such signs;’ so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sec. 2. Locations to be kept clear so that signs shall be always visible; municipal officers may remove obstructions either on own initiative or at request of public utilities commission or state highway commission. Such signs shall consist of a disc twenty-four inches in diameter, the field thereof to be white with a black border line one inch wide, and with black perpendicular and horizontal cross lines two and one-half inches wide; the reverse side of such disc to be colored black. In each of the upper quarterings shall appear in black the letter “R” five inches high, three and one-quarter inches wide, lines one inch stroke. Such signs shall be placed in conspicuous locations beside the highway at a distance of not less than three hundred feet from the nearest rail of such crossing unless local conditions in the judgment of the two commissions named in section one hereof make it reasonable to cause such sign to be located at a lesser distance from said nearest rail. Such locations shall always be kept clear so that such signs shall be plainly visible, and for this purpose the municipal officers of the several towns in which such signs are located are hereby authorized and required, either upon their own motion or when requested by the public

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utilities commission, or by the state highway commission, from time to time, to cut down, trim or remove all bushes, trees or other obstructions which may impair the view of any such signs.'

Approved March 10, 1921.

Chapter 16.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy-two of Chapter Fifty-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Ringing of the Engine Bell or Sounding of the Whistle at Grade Crossings.

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

R. S., c. 56, § 72; relating to sign boards, and the sounding of whistle or bell at railroad grade crossings, amended. Section seventy-two of chapter fifty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out after the word "whistles" in the ninth line thereof the words "or in cities and villages, such bell," and by substituting for the words "one hundred" in the tenth line thereof the word 'eighty' and by adding after the word "level" in the twelfth line thereof the words 'unless the public utilities commission upon petition of the corporation or of the municipal officers or of ten or more legal voters of any city or town in which such crossing is located, after notice and hearing, shall order the sounding of such whistle to be discontinued in any city or village until further order of the commission;' and by substituting for the words "eighty-five" in the thirteenth line thereof the word 'eighty,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 72. Whistles must be sounded in cities and villages in addition to ringing of the bell unless public utilities commission, upon petition of the corporation, of municipal officers or of ten or more legal voters orders it discontinued; distances from crossings where warning is to be sounded changed. 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 upon each locomotive used upon its railroad, and such whistles shall be sounded as a warning at a distance of eighty 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, unless the public utilities commission upon petition of the