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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

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 such bell shall be rung at a distance of eighty 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 public utilities commission 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.'

Approved March 10, 1921.

Chapter 17.

An Act to Amend Sections Three, Four, Twelve and Thirteen of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-five of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Removal of Obstructions at Grade Crossings.

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

Sec. 1. 1917, § 3, c. 145; relating to removal of obstructions at grade crossings, amended. Section three of chapter one hundred and forty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by substituting for the words, "designated under the provisions of the preceding section," in the second line thereof, the words, 'of a highway or other way and a steam railroad at grade;' and by adding after the word "remove" in the ninth line thereof the words, 'and from time to time as may be necessary to keep trimmed, cut down and removed;' and by adding after the word "car," in the eighteenth line thereof, the words, 'from one or more angles;' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Crossings at which obstructions must be removed redefined; bushes, trees, etc. to be kept trimmed and cut down from time to time, as occasion demands; train, engine or car must be in view at grade crossings from one or more angles. At every crossing of a highway or other way and a steam railroad at grade and at every crossing of a highway or other way and an electric railroad at grade the municipal officers of the town in which the crossing is located are given authority and are hereby required, when by order directed so to do by the