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Chapter 168.

An Act Relating to Warning Signs at Grade Crossings.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1917, c. 50, sec. 3; 1921, c. 15; relating to speed of motor vehicles at grade railroad crossings, amended. Section three of chapter fifty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen as amended by chapter fifteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Speed at crossings to be reasonable and proper; to come to full stop if automatic signal, gates or warning sign indicates a train approaching. Every person operating a motor vehicle upon passing any such sign which is located more than one hundred feet from a grade crossing, shall upon reaching a distance of one hundred feet from the nearest rail of such crossing, forthwith reduce the speed of the vehicle to a reasonable and proper rate and shall proceed cautiously over the crossing. Wherever such crossing is protected by gates, by a flagman, or by automatic signal, every such motor vehicle operator, or person in control of such vehicle, if the gates are lowered or are being lowered, or if the action of the flagman or the operation of the automatic signal shall indicate that a train is approaching, shall bring such vehicle to a full stop at a distance of not less than ten feet from the nearest rail of the crossing and shall not proceed on or across the railroad track or tracks until the gates shall have been raised, or until the action of the flagman shall indicate that no train is approaching such crossing, or if the crossing is protected by automatic signal, until such driver has ascertained that no train is approaching. This provision shall be deemed to require a precaution in addition to the duties and precautions imposed by law on persons approaching or crossing a railroad grade crossing.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1917, c. 50, sec. 4; relating to penalty for violation of act, amended. Section four of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 4. Penalty made same as that for reckless driving of motor vehicles; license to operate to be suspended or revoked; state highway police to enforce provisions. Whoever violates the provisions of the foregoing section shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided by section seventy-two of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as amended; and in addition thereto his license to operate shall be suspended or revoked. The state highway police shall enforce the provisions of this act, and an abstract thereof shall be delivered or mailed by the secretary of state with each operator's license.'

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Sec. 3. P. L., 1917, c. 50, sec. 6; relating to destruction or defacement of warning signs, amended. Section six of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 6. Maximum penalty fixed at \$50; jurisdiction of offenses. Whoever unlawfully removes, injures, or tampers with any such warning sign shall be fined not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars. Municipal and police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of any offence committed under this act when the same is not of a high or aggravated nature.'

Approved April 7, 1925.

Chapter 169.

An Act Relating to Third Class Roads.

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

P. L., 1923, c. 216, sec. 4; relating to filing description of location, when work to be completed, change of location, of third class roads, amended. Section four of chapter two hundred and sixteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three is hereby amended by inserting after the words "location upon another road," in the twelfth line thereof the following: 'In case a majority of the municipal officers are unable to agree upon the designation of a third class road, it shall then be the right of the state highway commission to make such designation and to proceed with the construction of the road as provided in this act'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 4. If municipal officers are unable to agree upon location state highway commission may designate. Municipal officers of any town may, prior to October one in any year, file with the state highway commission the description or location of the road whose construction and improvement they recommend under the provisions of this act. Upon approval of said location by the state highway commission, the municipal officers shall proceed with the construction of a section upon said location in conformity with the provisions of the following section of this act. After acceptance by the state highway commission of a location as above, construction shall be continued on that location until the entire length of the road has been constructed, or until the location is changed. Upon the completion of any road located as above, municipal officers shall file with the state highway commission recommendation for location upon another road.' In case a majority of the municipal officers are unable to agree upon the designation of a third class road, it shall then be the right of the state highway commission to make such designation and to proceed with the