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'Before the license is granted, an applicant ~~may~~ shall be required to pass such physical examination and such examination by actual demonstration or otherwise as to his qualifications to operate a motor vehicle as the said secretary shall require; provided said secretary may waive such examinations in the case of applicants who have been duly licensed by this state to operate a motor vehicle during any one of the 3 preceding calendar years; and no license shall be issued until the said secretary is satisfied that the applicant is a proper person to receive it. No license shall be issued to any person under 15 years of age.'

Approved March 18, 1937.

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## Chapter 47

### AN ACT Relating to Grade Crossings.

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

R. S., c. 63, § 72, amended. Section 72 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 26 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 72. Sign-boards to be maintained at grade crossings; bell on engine and when to be rung; public utilities commission may require whistle or sounding of bell for warning. 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 whistle, and a bell of at least 35 pounds in weight to be placed upon each locomotive used upon its railroad, and such whistles shall be sounded as a warning beginning at a distance of 60 rods on standard and 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 10 or more ~~legal voters~~ residents 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 60 rods on standard and narrow gauge railroads, from such grade crossings, and be kept ringing until the engine has passed the same; provided, however, that upon petition of 10 or more ~~legal voters~~ residents of the state, after notice to the railroad corporation and a public hearing, the public utilities commission may in writing order such corporation to

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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 18, 1937.

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## Chapter 48

### **AN ACT Relating to Appointment of Commissioners; Tenure of Office; Vacancies; Clerks and Their Duties; Chief Inspector of Utilities; Office and Equipment.**

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

**R. S., c. 62, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 62 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 1. Appointment of commissioners; tenure of office; vacancies; clerks and their duties; chief inspector of utilities; office and equipment.** The public utilities commission as heretofore established, shall consist of 3 members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, from time to time upon the expiration of the terms of the several members, for terms of 7 years. Any vacancy occurring in said commission shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy occurs. One member of the commission shall be designated by the governor as chairman. The commission shall adopt and have a seal and be provided with an office at the state house in which its records shall be kept. Under the direction of the governor and council the commission may expend such sums of money as may be necessary for the purchase of books, maps, stationery, office furniture, and supplies, for procuring statistics and information and for defraying expenses incidental to the discharge of its duties. A statement of such expenses shall accompany its annual report. The commission shall appoint a clerk and an assistant clerk, also a chief inspector of utilities, who shall be a practical railroad man and shall perform such duties as the commission may require. The clerk shall keep a full and minute record of the proceedings of the commission which shall be open to public inspection at all times. The assistant clerk shall assist the clerk in the performance of his duties, and in the absence of the clerk shall have the same powers as the clerk. The clerk shall have authority to certify to all official acts of the commission, administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and issue all processes, notices,