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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 188

AN ACT Relating to Switch Targets under Railroad Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 35, § 1179, amended. The first 2 sentences of section 1179 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

Every railroad company running ~~express~~ trains in this State shall place safety switches of an approved sort at every siding connecting with the main track. Switch lights shall be maintained **in addition to switch targets with a reflective type surface or with an adequate reflector attached thereto** throughout that portion of every railroad where trains are run after dark.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 35, § 1179, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 1179 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The Public Utilities Commission shall have authority to relieve any railroad from the requirements of this section as to maintaining switch lights **and reflectorized targets**, upon proper petition therefor, after notice and hearing, and for good cause shown, to such extent as said commission shall deem consistent with public safety.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 35, § 1179, amended. Section 1179 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read as follows:

This section shall not apply to areas of the railroad controlled by block signals.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1972.

Effective January 1, 1972

Chapter 189

AN ACT Relating to Terms of the Members of the Land Damage Board.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 23, § 152, amended. The 4th and 5th sentences of section 152 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The members of the board appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of 4 years, except the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council shall appoint the members initially so that the term of one member shall be for one year, the term of one member shall be for 2 years, the term of one member shall be for 3 years and the term of one member shall be for 4 years.

Sec. 2. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that this Act shall in no way affect the tenure of the present members of the Land Damage Board.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 190

AN ACT Prohibiting Discrimination for Testifying or Asserting Claim Under Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

R. S., T. 39, § III, additional. Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section III, to read as follows:

§ III. Discrimination

No employee shall be discriminated against by any employer in any way for testifying or asserting any claim under this Act. Any employer who so discriminates against any employee shall be liable to such employee on petition before the commission and hearing before the commission, for all net wages lost suffered by such employee by reason of such discrimination.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 191

AN ACT Relating to Length of Combination of Motor Vehicles and Semitrailers Transporting Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 244, amended. The 4th paragraph from the end of section 244 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 54 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows:

However, a combination of motor vehicle and semitrailer exclusively engaged in the transportation of motor vehicles shall be allowed to attain a maximum length of 55 feet, excluding the usual or ordinary bumper overhang of the transported vehicles.

Effective September 23, 1971