

gravel, or other material approved by the state highway commission, a portion of the prospective system of state highways; *provided, that when an electric railway is operated on such highway, such improvement may not be less than twelve feet on each side of the railway track measured from the end of the ties under such track.* The plans and specifications for all work contemplated under this act must be prepared or approved by the state highway commission before construction is undertaken.

(See c. 668.)

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 2, 1913.

No. 881, A.]

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CHAPTER 385.

AN ACT to create section 4446e of the statutes, relating to shipment of chickens and providing a penalty.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 4446e. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, his agent or servant, to ship, or for any common carrier or the agent or servant of such common carrier to allow, aid or abet in the shipment of chickens confined in coops unless such coops are at least thirteen inches in height and are covered at the top by wires or screening containing meshes not to exceed one inch in size.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person, his agent or servant or for any common carrier or the agent or servant of such common carrier to so crowd or congest or to allow, aid or abet in the crowding or congesting of chickens within any coop in any shipment as to impair or endanger the well-being of such chickens during the course of transportation thereof; and any such crowding or congesting shall be deemed cruelty.

3. Whenever any regularly appointed agent of the Wisconsin humane society or any peace officer in this state shall ascertain or observe any shipment of chickens in a crowded or congested condition, such agent or peace officer may take or cause to be taken such steps as to give immediate relief.

4. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars

nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than thirty days.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1915.

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CHAPTER 386.

AN ACT to repeal section 1806m of the statutes and to create a new section of the statutes to be numbered 1806m, relating to the construction and use of caboose cars on railroads, and providing a penalty.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1806m of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. There is added to the statutes a new section to be numbered and to read: Section 1806m. 1. The provisions of this section shall apply to any corporation or to any person or persons while engaged as common carriers in the transportation by railroad of passengers or property within this state to which the regulative power of this state extends.

2. From and after the first day of June, 1914, it shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided in this act, for any such common carrier by railroad to use on its lines any caboose car or other car used for like purpose unless such caboose or other car shall be at least twenty-four feet in length, exclusive of the platforms, and equipped with two four-wheel trucks, and said caboose or other car shall be of constructive strength equal to that of the sixty thousand pound capacity freight cars, and shall be provided with a door in each end thereof, and outside platforms across each end of said car; each platform shall not be less than twenty-four inches in width and shall be equipped with proper guard rails and with grab irons and steps for the safety of persons getting on and off said car. Said steps shall be equipped with a suitable rod, board or other guard at each end and at the back thereof properly designed to prevent slipping from said step. Said caboose shall have cupola, necessary closets and windows.

3. Whenever any such caboose cars or other cars now in use by such common carriers as provided by subsection 1 hereof shall after this section goes into effect be brought into any shop for general repairs, it shall be unlawful to again put the same into service by such common carrier within this state unless it be equipped as provided in subsection 2 of this section.