

pilation such copies of the laws of this state and stationery as shall be necessary for his use in making such compilation.

Appropriation. SECTION 5. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum of money sufficient to pay the expense incurred by the provisions of this act.

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CHAPTER 477.

AN ACT to create section 1809j of the statutes, relating to railroad telegraph operators.

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:

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force January first, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

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tive over any public traveled grade highway crossing, outside of the limits of any incorporated city or village, unless the whistle shall be blown eighty rods from such crossing and the engine bell rung continuously from thence until such crossing be reached by such train or locomotive.

Signs at crossings. 5. *Every such railroad company or corporation shall erect and maintain at all times at every place where its railroad track crosses a public highway or street and near such crossing a large sign board with the following inscription, painted in large letters on each side: "Look out for the Cars," in such manner as to be visible on the highway track at least a hundred feet distant on each side of such crossing.*

Actions for injury or death: negligence. 6. In any action brought by any person or his legal representatives against a railroad company or corporation operating a railroad in this state, to recover for personal injuries or death, if it appear that the injury or death in question was caused by the negligent omission of a railroad company or any such corporation to comply with the requirements of Section 1809, the fact that the person injured or killed was guilty of slight want of ordinary care contributing to the injury or death shall not bar a recovery.

(Ch. 595, 1907.)

Repeal. SECTION 1809a of the statutes is hereby repealed.

(Ch. 595, 1907.)

Railroad telegraph operators: required age and experience. SECTION 1809j. 1. It shall be unlawful for any common carrier by railroad, carrying freight or passengers between points within this state, to employ any telegraph operator, except an assistant under an experienced operator, who shall not have attained the age of eighteen years and who shall not have had actual experience as a telegraph operator, or who shall not have had at least six months' actual experience under the tutorship of an experienced railroad telegraph operator, or who shall not have been graduated from a school of telegraphy having at least a six months' course.

Penalty. 2. Any common carrier by railroad or any of its officers or agents who shall violate the provisions of this act

shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

(Ch. 477, 1907.)

Railroad employes' hours on and off duty. SECTION 1809l. It shall be unlawful for any common carrier, its officers or agents, to require or permit: (1) Any employe to be or remain on duty for a longer period than sixteen consecutive hours, and whenever any such employe of such common carrier shall have been continuously on duty for sixteen hours he shall be relieved and not required or permitted again to go on duty until he has had at least ten consecutive hours off duty; and no such employe who has been on duty sixteen hours in the aggregate in any twenty-four hour period shall be required or permitted to continue or again go on duty without having had at least eight consecutive hours off duty.

(Ch. 655, 1907.)

Emergencies excepted. SECTION 1809m. The provisions of this act shall not apply in any case of casualty or unavoidable accident or the act of God; nor where the delay was the result of a cause not known to the carrier or its officers or agents in charge of such employe at the time said employe left the terminal and which could not have been foreseen nor to the crews of wrecking or relief trains.

(Ch. 655, 1907.)

Enforcement of sections 1809l to 1809o inclusive. SECTION 1809n. The railroad commission shall fully investigate all cases of violation of this act and shall lodge with the proper district attorneys information of such violations as may come to its knowledge. The commission shall have the power to employ such inspectors or other persons as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this act. To enforce the provisions of this act the railroad commission and its agents or employes shall have the power to administer oaths, interrogate witnesses, take testimony, and require the production of books and papers.

(Ch. 655, 1907.)

Penalty for violating hour law. SECTION 1809o. Any common carrier or any of its officers or agents violating any