

## CHAPTER 136

Original House Bill No. 129

### RAILROADS—RAIL MOTOR CARS—EQUIPMENT FOR TRANSPORTING EMPLOYEES

AN ACT relating to the equipment of rail track motor cars used or furnished by common carriers by railroad for transporting employees; providing for the extension of necessary time in which to equip said cars; and penalizing those carriers who operate or furnish for operation such unequipped cars to their employees for transportation to or from their place or places of labor; and providing a penalty for violation of this Act.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

#### **Type of Equipment—Windshield—Lights**

**Section 1.** It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of a railroad running through or within the boundaries of the State of Wyoming and engaged in the business of common carrier to operate for or transport its employees in a motor car which is not equipped with a reasonably substantial top for the protection of said employees from rain, snow, sleet and hail, and equipped with a transparent windshield sufficient in width and height to reasonably protect said employees, which windshield shall be of safety glass and such car shall also be equipped with a permanently placed electric headlamp of sufficient candle power as to render visible at a distance of 300 feet in advance of such car under ordinary atmospheric conditions, any obstruction, land mark, warning sign or grade crossing on such railroad. Said car shall also be equipped with one (1) red electric light on the rear end thereof with sufficient candlepower as to be visible at a distance of 300 feet under ordinary atmospheric conditions, and such car shall also be equipped with a windshield wiper that will remove rain, snow and sleet from the windshield on such car while such car is moving and said windshield shall be so devised that the driver of said car can start or stop said windshield wiper while he is driving the car.

#### **Penalty**

**Section 2.** Any owner or operator of a railroad running through or within this State as a common carrier of persons or property or both, for compensation, who either operates for its employees, or who furnishes to its employees for their transportation to or from the place or places where they are required to labor, a rail track motor car

that has not been fully equipped as required by Section 1 of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and each day or part of a day it operates or furnishes each of such rail track motor cars not so equipped as provided in Section 1 of this Act, to its employees for operation to or from the place or places where they are required to work shall constitute a separate offense, provided that any common carrier that has not been able to equip its rail track motor cars as required by the provisions of Section 1 of this Act, on or before the effective date thereof can, by applying to the Public Service Commission, which is hereby authorized to, and upon good cause shown, grant by order, additional time to any owner or operator of a common carrier by railroad, in which to equip such cars, not to exceed one year from the effective date of this Act and, when such an order has been granted by said Public Service Commission to such carrier, the provisions of this Act penalizing rail carriers who do not so equip their cars shall not be applicable to those carriers securing such an order for such additional time in which to so equip their cars during the period granted to them only by order of the Public Service Commission.

Approved February 14, 1957.