

pose of providing adequate and efficient service, or for the preservation of property, the Commission, upon such terms, conditions or safeguards as it deems proper, may authorize an immediate reasonable, temporary increase in a rate, fare or charge, or a change in a classification, regulation or practice.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 365. 1912, sec. 428. 1910, ch. 180, sec. 16 (p. 358).

**373.** No common carrier shall, directly or indirectly, by any special rate, rebate, drawback or other device or method, charge, demand, collect or receive from any person or corporation a greater or less compensation for any service rendered or to be rendered in the transportation of passengers, freight or property, except as authorized in this sub-title, than it charges, demands, collects or receives from any other person or corporation for doing a like and contemporaneous service in the transportation of a like kind of traffic under the same or substantially similar circumstances and conditions.

No common carrier shall make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any person or corporation, or to any locality, or to any particular description of traffic in any respect whatsoever, or subject any particular person or corporation, or locality, or any particular description of traffic to any prejudice or disadvantage in any respect whatsoever.

No common carrier subject to the provisions of this sub-title shall after the first day of November, one thousand nine hundred and ten, engage or participate in the transportation of passengers, freight or property between points within the State until its schedules of rates, fares and charges shall have been filed and published in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title. No common carrier shall charge, demand, collect or receive a greater or less or different compensation for transportation of passengers, freight or property, or for any service in connection therewith, than the rates, fares and charges applicable to such transportation as specified in its schedules filed and in effect at the time; nor shall any such common carrier refund or remit in any manner, or by any device, any portion of the rates, fares or charges so specified, nor extend to any shipper or person any privileges or facilities in the transportation of passengers or property except such as are regularly and uniformly extended to all persons and corporations under like circumstances. No common carrier subject to the provisions of this sub-title shall, directly or indirectly, issue or give any free tickets, free pass or free transportation for passengers or property between points within this State, except to its officers, employees, agents, pensioners, surgeons, physicians, attorneys-at-law and their families; to ministers of religion, inmates of hospitals, charitable and eleemosynary institutions and persons exclusively engaged in charitable and eleemosynary work; and to indigent, destitute and homeless persons, and to such persons when transported by charitable societies or hospitals, and the necessary agents employed in such transportation; to inmates of the national homes or State homes for disabled volunteer soldiers and of soldiers' and sailors' homes, including those about to enter and those returning home after discharge, and boards of managers of such homes; to necessary caretakers in transit; to employees of sleeping-car companies, express companies, telephone and telegraph companies doing business along the line of the issuing carrier; to railway mail service employees, post-office inspectors, custom inspectors, and immigration inspectors; to newsboys on trains, baggage agents; persons injured in accidents or wrecks, and physicians and nurses attending such persons; to the carriage, free or at reduced rates, of persons or property for the United States,