

trains, by the use of the telegraph or telephone, under what is known and termed "Block System" (defined as follows): Reporting trains to another office or offices, and to the train despatcher registering the same and operating one or more train order signals, and telegraph or telephone lever-men who manipulate interlocking machines in railroad yards or on main tracks out on the lines connecting side tracks or switches or train despatchers in its services; whose duties substantially as hereinbefore set forth pertain to the movement of cars, engines or trains on its railroad by the use of the telegraph or telephone in despatching or reporting trains or receiving or transmitting train orders as interpreted in this section, to be on duty for more than eight hours in any twenty-four consecutive hours.

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Hours of duty.

Section 300 B. *And be it enacted*, That any person, corporation or association that shall violate Section 300 A of this Act shall pay a fine of one hundred dollars for each violation of this Act.

Fine imposed.

Section 300 c. *And be it enacted*, That the fine mentioned in Section 300 B of this Act shall be recovered by an action of debt in the name of the State of Maryland for the use of the State, who shall sue for it against such person, corporation or association violating this Act, said suit to be instituted in any court in this State having appropriate jurisdiction.

How recovered

Section 300 D. *And be it enacted*, That the said fine when recovered as aforesaid shall be paid without any deduction whatever, one-half thereof to the informer, and the balance thereof to be paid into the public school fund of the State of Maryland; provided, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any part of a railroad where not more than eight regular passenger trains in twenty-four hours pass each way; provided, moreover, that where twenty freight trains pass each way generally in each twenty-four hours then the provisions of this Act shall apply, notwithstanding that there may pass a less number of passenger trains than hereinbefore set forth, namely, eight.

How fines are to be paid.

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