

**THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 328 of 1931**  
**Chapter LXXV**  
**RAILROADS**

**750.511 Attempt to wreck or endanger safety of passengers.**

Sec. 511.

Attempt to wreck railroad trains or endanger safety of passengers—Any person who shall place upon any railroad any timber, stone, iron or other obstruction, or who shall change any switch or track, or who shall loosen or displace any rail of the track of such railroad, or who shall change the brakes upon any car or cars standing on any railroad track in this state or who shall break down or displace, destroy or injure any bridge, culvert or embankment of any railroad, or do any other act with intent to endanger the safety of any person traveling or being upon such railroad, or to throw from such railroad any locomotive, tender, or car moving along the track of such railroad, on which shall be any person or property liable to be injured thereby, shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for life or for any term of years.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;-- CL 1948, 750.511

**Former Law:** See section 1 of Act 164 of 1869, being CL 1871, Â§ 7619; How., Â§ 9200; CL 1897, Â§ 11623; CL 1915, Â§ 15388; CL 1929, Â§ 17024; Act 168 of 1871; section 1 of Act 171 of 1897, being CL 1897, Â§ 11634; CL 1915, Â§ 15399; and CL 1929, Â§ 17034.

**750.512 Uncoupling locomotive or cars.**

Sec. 512.

Uncoupling locomotive or cars—Any person, not being employed on any railroad, who shall wilfully and maliciously uncouple or detach the locomotive or tender, or any of the cars of any railroad train, or shall in any way aid, abet, or procure the doing of the same, shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not more than 10 years, or by fine of not more than 5,000 dollars.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;-- CL 1948, 750.512

**Former Law:** See section 3 of Act 164 of 1869, being CL 1871, Â§ 7621; How., Â§ 9202; CL 1897, Â§ 11625; CL 1915, Â§ 15390; and CL 1929, Â§ 17026.

**750.513 Repealed. 2002, Act 293, Imd. Eff. May 9, 2002.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed section pertained to fraudulent railroad securities.

**750.514 Repealed. 2002, Act 292, Imd. Eff. May 9, 2002.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed section pertained to seizing locomotive with mail or express car attached.

**750.515 Proof of existence of railroad company.**

Sec. 515.

Proof of existence of railroad company—“At the trial of any case arising under the preceding sections of this chapter, it shall be sufficient prima facie proof of the existence of any railroad company named in the indictment to show that such company was doing business as a railroad company at the time named in the indictment.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;-- CL 1948, 750.515

**Former Law:** See section 10 of Act 164 of 1869, being How., Â§ 9209; CL 1897, Â§ 11632; CL 1915, Â§ 15397; CL 1929, Â§ 17033; and Act 146 of 1881.

**750.516 Repealed. 2002, Act 291, Imd. Eff. May 9, 2002.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed section pertained to forcible detention of railroad train.

**750.517 Repealed. 2002, Act 290, Imd. Eff. May 9, 2002.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed section pertained to entering train for robbing by means of intimidation.

**750.518 Boarding railroad train while in motion.**

Sec. 518.

Boarding railroad train while in motion—“Any person who shall jump or step on board of any railroad train, locomotive or car when in motion except employes and passengers at railway stations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;-- CL 1948, 750.518

**Former Law:** See section 1 of Act 31 of 1883, being How., Â§ 9122c; CL 1897, Â§ 11533; CL 1915, Â§ 15276; and CL 1929, Â§ 17041.

**750.519 Disciplining or discharging on report of railroad detective.**

Sec. 519.

A common carrier by railroad, its agents, superintendents, managers, or employees owning or operating any line or lines of railroad in this state and engaged in commerce by railroad, employing any special agent, detective, or person commonly known as a spotter for the purpose of investigation and obtaining and reporting to the employer, its agents, superintendents, or managers information concerning its employees shall not discipline or discharge any of its employees if the act of discipline or discharge is based upon the report of such special agent, detective, or spotter, which involves a question of integrity, honesty, or breach of any rule of the employer, unless such employer, its agents, superintendents, or managers first give notice to such employee so reported and grant a hearing to the employee when he or she so requests and, upon demand by said employee, the employer at the hearing shall state the specific charges against the employee, and the accused employee shall have the right to demand and be confronted with the person making such report to his or her employer, have the right at the hearing to cross-examine the agent, detective, or spotter making the report, and have the right to employ counsel to represent him or her at the hearing.

Any common carrier by railroad or any of its agents, superintendents, general managers, officers, or employees

that violate this section are guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or a fine of not more than \$750.00. In any case of the violation of this section by any of the officers, agents, or employees of any such common carrier by railroad, the imprisonment provided herein if imposed shall be imposed upon the officers or agents committing the offense.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;-- CL 1948, 750.519 ;-- Am. 2002, Act 672, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003

**Former Law:** See sections 1 and 2 of Act 92 of 1917, being CL 1929, §§ 8635 and 8636.