**§7155. Conditions of sale, lease and operation**

**1. Financial conditions on sale, lease or operating contract.**  Any railroad line acquired pursuant to this chapter may be sold, leased or contracted to an operator, but only upon terms at least as favorable to the State as follows:

A. All of the costs of acquiring the railroad line and associated property shall be recovered by the State; and [PL 1989, c. 398, §7 (RPR).]

B. The credit of the State shall not be pledged unless separately authorized as required by the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14. [PL 1989, c. 398, §7 (RPR).]

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**2. State operation of railroad prohibited.**  In no event may the department or any other unit of State Government directly operate a railroad over a railroad line acquired under this chapter. The department may own the railroad line and lease or otherwise contract for its use by a private operator.

[PL 1989, c. 398, §7 (RPR).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1987, c. 748 (NEW). PL 1989, c. 398, §7 (RPR).

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