

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 670

House of Representatives, March 27, 1913.

*Reported by Mr. Scates from Committee on Ways and
Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN.

AN ACT to provide for the Preservation of Highways and
Bridges.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. No traction engine, trailer, motor or other
2 vehicle shall be operated upon or over a highway or bridge
3 in this state, nor shall any object be moved over or upon a
4 highway or bridge, upon wheels, rollers or otherwise, in
5 excess of a total weight of nine tons, including vehicle, ob-
6 ject or contrivance and load, without first obtaining a per-
7 mit, mentioned in section three of this act, from the author-
8 ity or authorities in charge of the maintenance or care of

9 said highway or bridge; nor shall any vehicle be operated
10 or contrivance moved upon or over said highways or bridges
11 which has any flange, rib, clamp or other object attached
12 to its wheels or made a part thereof, which will injure, cut
13 into or destroy the surface of the highway or bridge, nor
14 shall any such engine, vehicle, object or contrivance for
15 moving heavy loads be operated or moved upon or over any
16 highway or bridge the weight of which exceeds eight hun-
17 dred pounds upon any inch in width of the tire, roller, wheel
18 or other object without first obtaining said permit. The
19 owner, driver, operator or mover of any such engine, vehi-
20 cle, object or contrivance over said highway or bridge shall,
21 unless relieved from liability in said permit, be responsible
22 for all damage which said highway or bridge may sustain
23 as a result of said action on his part, and the amount thereof
24 may be recovered in an action on the case by the city, town
25 or plantation, or in behalf of any unorganized township, by
26 the county where the injury is done.

Sect. 2. No steam traction engine, with or without trailers,
2 and no motor truck carrying a weight in excess of four tons,
3 including the vehicle, shall be operated upon any high-
4 way or bridge at a rate of speed greater than fifteen
5 miles an hour; and no such vehicle carrying a weight in ex-
6 cess of six tons, including the vehicle, shall be operated upon
7 any highway or bridge at a rate of speed greater than six
8 miles an hour when such vehicle is equipped with tires of
9 hard rubber or other similar substance.

Sect. 3. The Maine highway board, county commissioners, 2 superintendents of streets, selectmen or road authorities hav- 3 ing charge of the repair and maintenance of any highway 4 or bridge in any of the cities or towns in the state, are hereby 5 authorized, upon proper application in writing, to grant 6 permits for the moving of heavy vehicles, loads, objects or 7 structures over said highways and bridges, which permits, 8 when duly granted, shall authorize such movement. Said 9 permits may be general or may be limited as to the time and 10 the particular roads and bridges which may be used, and 11 may contain any special conditions or provisions which in 12 the opinion of the authorities granting the same are neces- 13 sary for the protection of said highways or bridges from 14 injury. The authorities having charge of any such bridge 15 are hereby authorized to make regulations limiting the rate 16 of speed of any of the vehicles mentioned in this act passing 17 over said bridge to a rate of speed not to exceed six miles 18 an hour, provided notice is conspicuously posted at each end 19 of the bridge affected by such regulation.

Sect. 4. Any person violating the provisions of this act 2 or the regulations made or permits granted under authority 3 thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten dollars 4 nor more than five hundred dollars for each and every of- 5 fence, and said fines shall be paid into the treasury of the 6 city or town when any highway or bridge is injured which 7 is under the care of said city or town, and into the treasury

8 of the county, in behalf of any unorganized township to be
9 used in the repair of highways and bridges within their
10 respective jurisdictions.