

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 60

*In Senate, Jan. 22, 1913.*

*Came from the House referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, and on motion by Senator Stearns of Oxford laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company.

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

Section 1. Waldo Pettengill, Oliver A. Pettengill, George  
2 W. Pettengill and Ralph T. Parker, all of Rumford in the  
3 county of Oxford, with their associates and successors, are  
4 hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the  
5 Rumford Bridge Company, for the purpose of erecting and  
6 keeping in repair over the Androscoggin river, within the  
7 limits of the town of Rumford, at such place as said cor-  
8 poration may deem most practicable and convenient, the  
9 same to be located at some point across said river between

10 the present Rumford Center ferry and the present ferry at  
11 Rumford Point; and the said corporation shall have power  
12 to purchase and hold such real and personal estate as may  
13 be necessary to carry into effect said object, to prosecute  
14 and defend suits at law, to have and use a common seal, to  
15 make by-laws for the management of their concerns not  
16 repugnant to the laws of this state, and to have and enjoy  
17 all the powers and privileges incident to or usually granted  
18 to similar corporations.

Sect. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the Andros-  
2 coggin river within the limits aforesaid, shall be constructed  
3 of good materials, of a suitable height from the water, and  
4 not less than eighteen feet wide in the clear, with suitable  
5 and sufficient side railing for the safety of passengers, and  
6 sufficient passageways shall be left for the passage of boats,  
7 rafts, logs and timber.

Sect. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the  
2 benefit of said corporation, according to the rates follow-  
3 ing, to wit: for every foot passenger, two cents; for each  
4 horse and rider, five cents; for each vehicle or sleigh drawn  
5 by one beast, ten cents; for each vehicle or sleigh drawn by  
6 two beasts, fifteen cents; for each additional beast beyond  
7 two, two cents; for each automobile of a capacity for two  
8 persons, ten cents; for each automobile of a capacity ex-  
9 ceeding two persons, fifteen cents; for each auto truck of  
10 carrying capacity of not in excess of one ton, fifteen cents;  
11 for each auto truck of carrying capacity of from one to

12 three tons, twenty cents; for each auto truck of carrying  
13 capacity of from three to six tons, twenty-five cents; for  
14 droves of neat cattle and horses, three cents each; for sheep  
15 and swine, one cent each; and no additional toll shall be  
16 charged for persons actually traveling in said vehicles; but  
17 this exception shall not extend to persons taken in to avoid  
18 toll; and only one person as a driver to each team shall be  
19 allowed to pass free of toll; and said tolls may be com-  
20 muted by this corporation with any person or corporation,  
21 by taking of him or them a sum certain for a specified time  
22 instead thereof.

Sect. 4. At the place of collecting tolls, said corporation  
2 shall constantly expose to view a board or sign, upon which  
3 shall be plainly printed the rates of toll aforesaid; and when-  
4 ever the toll-gatherer shall be absent from the toll-house,  
5 the gates shall be left open and the bridge toll-free, and the  
6 toll shall commence when the bridge is first opened to pas-  
7 sengers.

Sect. 5. If said corporation shall neglect or refuse for  
2 the term of five years from the passage of this act, to build  
3 and complete said bridge, this act shall be null and void.

Sect. 6. Any one person named in section one, may call  
2 the first meeting of the corporation, by posting notice of the  
3 time, place and purpose of meeting, in three public and con-  
4 spicuous places in said town of Rumford, viz: one at the  
5 Rumford post office; one at the Rumford Center post office;  
6 and one at the Rumford Point post office, not less than seven

7 nor more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

Sect. 7. This corporation is authorized and empowered to  
2 mortgage its property and franchise and issue bonds se-  
3 cured by said mortgage to an amount not exceeding twenty-  
4 five thousand dollars.

Sect. 8. It is expressly provided herein that the town of  
2 Rumford or the county of Oxford, or the State of Maine,  
3 shall have the right to take over all the property, rights and  
4 franchise of said Bridge Company at any time within ten  
5 years from the approval of this charter, on payment to said  
6 Bridge Company of the entire cost of said bridge and prop-  
7 erty plus six per cent interest on the same.

Sect. 9. This corporation shall have the right to erect and  
2 maintain piers in said river to protect said bridge from ice,  
3 logs or other floating substance.