

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED APRIL 17, 1857;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

WITH AN

APPENDIX.

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taxes for highways are collected; and be liable for neglect of duty, as surveyors of highways are for similar neglects. CHAP. 18.

SEC. 80. Money recovered under the two preceding sections is for the use of such owners. In any process for its recovery, a description of them in general terms as proprietors and occupants of the way or bridge, clearly describing it therein, is sufficient. Such process is not abated by the death of any owner, or by the transfer of his interest. Penalties and process.
R. S., c. 25,
§ 124.

CHAPTER 19.

LAW OF THE ROAD.

- SEC. 1. Definition of words "way" and "team" when used.
2. Teams, to turn to the right; unable, to stop.
3. When stationary, or traveling slowly, allow others to pass.
4. Not to stand on way to obstruct it, nor be without a driver.
5. Bells on horses drawing runners.
6. Damages to injured party, penalty.
7. Teams to walk, on bridges.
8. Boards forbidding fast driving on bridges to be exposed.
9. Driver of team of passengers not to leave it without charge or fastening. Punishment therefor.
10. Certain teams to have wide rimmed wheels on certain roads. Penalty for violation. Team may be seized and detained.

SEC. 1. As used in this chapter the word "way" includes all kinds of public ways. And the word "team" all kinds of conveyances on such ways for persons and for property. Definition of words used.

SEC. 2. When persons traveling with a team are approaching to meet on a way, they are seasonably to turn to the right of the middle of the traveled part of it, so far that they can pass each other without interference. When it is not safe, or is difficult on account of weight of load to do so, a person about to be met or overtaken, if requested, is to stop a reasonable time, at a convenient place, to enable the other to pass. Teams about to meet, to turn to the right; when unable, to stop.
25 Maine, 39.
R. S., c. 26,
§ 1, 2.

SEC. 3. When a person with a team is stationary, or traveling slowly on a way at a place unsafe or inconvenient for passing him with a team, he is, if requested, to drive to the right or left, or to stop a reasonable time at a convenient place, to allow the other to pass. When stationary or traveling slowly, to allow others to pass.
R. S., c. 26,
§ 3.

SEC. 4. No person is to leave his team stationary on a way so as to obstruct the free passage of other teams; or is to allow his team to be on a way without a driver. Teams not to stand on ways to obstruct passage, &c.
R. S., c. 26, § 4.

SEC. 5. Three or more bells are to be fastened to one of the foremost horses drawing teams on snow without wheels. Bells on horses drawing runners.
R. S., c. 26, § 5.

SEC. 6. Any person injured by a violation of any provision of the previous sections, may recover damages in an action on the case, commenced within one year. Any person found guilty of such a violation forfeits not less than one, nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered on complaint made to a justice of the peace within sixty days. Damage to party injured; penalty.
R. S., c. 26, § 6.

CHAP. 19.

Teams to walk on bridges.

R. S., c. 26, § 8, 9.
1848, c. 36.

Boards forbidding fast driving to be exposed; penalty.

R. S., c. 26, § 10.

Driver not to leave team without one in charge, without fastening.

R. S., c. 26, § 7.

Certain teams to have wide rimmed wheels on certain oads.

Penalty for violation.

Team may be seized.

1845, c. 155, § 1, 2, 3.

SEC. 7. No team is permitted to travel faster than a walk on a bridge erected wholly or partly by the state, nor on any bridge covered with plank and fifty feet long composing part of a way, when forbidden by the municipal officers of the town required to keep it in repair, nor on a bridge owned by a corporation, when forbidden by it.

SEC. 8. For a willful violation of the provisions of the preceding section, a person forfeits three dollars to be recovered on complaint, one half to the use of the owners of the bridge, the other half to the state, provided that a board, legibly-painted in black letters on a white ground, is kept exposed in some conspicuous place at each end of the bridge; but no person passing after sunset and before sunrise is liable to such forfeiture without proof of actual notice.

SEC. 9. The driver of a team having passengers therein conveyed for hire, who leaves it without any person in charge of it and without fastening it securely, may be punished by fine not exceeding thirty dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one month.

SEC. 10. Teams with wheels, when drawn by more than two horses or oxen, must have the rims of their wheels at least four inches wide, when drawn by more [than four] horses or oxen at least five inches wide, when traveling on the Mattanawcook road from Milford to Lincoln village; the military road from there to Houlton; Aroostook road from the military road to Aroostook river; Fish river road from that river to Fort Kent; and the road from Guilford village to Moosehead lake. And no team drawn by more than six horses or oxen is allowed to travel on them. These provisions are not applicable to stage or pleasure carriages, or to those owned by the state or the United States, or to any cart or wagon owned by settlers in the vicinity and used for farming purposes. The owner or driver of a team violating this provision forfeits twenty dollars, and one dollar more for each mile of road passed, to be recovered by complaint before a justice of the peace in the county where the offence was committed; and on a libel or complaint he may issue his warrant to seize and detain such team to respond such fine and costs.

CHAPTER 20.

FERRIES.

- SEC. 1. County commissioners; license ferries, establish tolls, take bond.
2. May establish them to be supported by towns, penalty for neglect.
3. Penalty for neglect to keep safe boat, and to give prompt attendance.
4. Person injured by neglect or default of ferryman may sue on his bond.
5. No ferry to be established within one mile of a steam or horse ferry.
6. Penalty for keeping a ferry, or transporting, contrary to law.
7. Ice to be leveled and way kept in repair in winter.
8. Penalty for neglect of it, liability for injuries.
9. Licensed ferrymen not to use steam or horse-boats.