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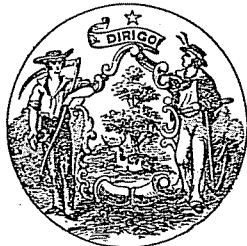
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TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED
THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE
UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

WITH AN APPENDIX.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE.



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CHAP. 19.

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. Boards forbidding fast driving on bridges to be exposed.
8. Penalty for fast driving.
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.

Definition of words used.
R. S. c. 19, § 1.
See c. 1, § 4,
Rule 6, c. 18,
§ 68.

11 Me. 388.
38 Me. 443.

Teams about to meet, to turn to the right; when unable, to stop.
25 Me. 39.
R. S. c. 19, § 2.

When stationary or traveling slowly, to allow others to pass.
R. S. c. 19, § 3.

Teams not to stand on ways to obstruct passage, &c.
R. S. c. 19, § 4.

Bells on horses drawing runners.
R. S. c. 19, § 5.

Damage to party injured; penalty.
R. S. c. 19, § 6.

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.

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.

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. (a)

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.

SEC. 5. Three or more bells are to be fastened to one of the foremost horses drawing teams on snow without wheels.

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 trial justice within sixty days.

(a) 15 Me. 39; 25 Me. 39.

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, nor on any bridge owned by a corporation, if a board with the words "three dollars fine for riding or driving on this bridge faster than a walk," legibly painted in black letters on a white ground, is kept exposed in some conspicuous place at each end thereof.

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Teams to walk on bridges. 1860, c. 130, § 1.

Boards prohibiting fast driving to be exposed. R. S. c. 19, § 7.

SEC. 8. For a willful violation of the provisions of the preceding section, a person forfeits three dollars to be recovered on complaint to the use of the owners of the bridge, or the town required to keep it in repair, with the costs of prosecution; but no person passing after sunset and before sunrise is liable to such forfeiture without proof that he previously had knowledge of such prohibition.

Penalty for violation. 1860, c. 130, § 1.

R. S. c. 19, § 8.

Persons passing after sunset.

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.

Driver not to leave team without one in charge, without fastening. R. S. c. 19, § 9.

R. S. c. 19, § 9.

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 trial justice 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.

Certain teams to have wide rimmed wheels on certain roads.

Penalty for violation.

Team may be seized. R. S. c. 19, § 10