

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1476

S. P. 499

In Senate, April 16, 1965

Received by unanimous consent. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Violette of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Roadside Beautification.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, efforts on the national level are being made to beautify the roadsides of highways under the program of the President of the United States to beautify America; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to implement this program in Maine in the spring and summer of 1965 for the benefit of the inhabitants of Maine and our summer visitors who use our highways; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 23, § 153, amended. The first paragraph of section 153 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

“The commission may purchase or take over and hold for the State, such materials and land as it may deem necessary to lay out and establish, construct, improve or maintain, or to provide a change of location or alignment of, or to provide drainage for, **or to provide rest areas, parking strips, roadside and landscape development for the preservation and development of natural scenic beauty,** or to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public using, any state

or state aid highway, or to secure materials, with necessary ways and access thereto, for the construction, improvement and maintenance of state and state aid highways.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 23, § 651, amended. Section 651 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

'The commission may preserve and develop the natural scenic beauty along and adjacent to any state or state aid highway to integrate the public improvement with the aesthetics of the area traversed by the highway and may establish and maintain rest areas, turn-outs and parking strips for the suitable accommodation of the public whenever in its judgment the public exigency may require.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.