

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1261 The Committee on Transportation suggested. JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk Presented by Mr. Conley of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX

AN ACT Relating to Operation and Inspection of Motorcycles and Motor Driven Cycles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 999, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 999, to read as follows:

'§ 999. Motorcycles and motor driven cycles

In addition to the requirements of this chapter, motorcycles and motor driven cycles shall be operated on the highway in such manner that no more than 2 such vehicles shall be operated abreast within the same lane of operation.

A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto. Such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle unless such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for 2 persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the rear or side of the operator and provided with foot rests and hand grips or in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

No person shall operate on the highway any motorcycle or motor driven cycle equipped with handlebars that are more than 15 inches in height above the uppermost portion of the seat when depressed by the weight of the operator.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 2122, amended. The last sentence of the 4th paragraph of section 2122 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed, as follows:

'Said inspection shall not apply to motorcycles.'

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 2122, amended. Section 2122 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph as follows:

'The Chief of the State Police is authorized to make necessary rules and regulations concerning the inspection of motorcycles and motor driven cycles. The placement of the inspection sticker for this type vehicle shall be prescribed by the Chief of the State Police.'