

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1139

S. P. 341

In Senate, March 4, 1969

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Bernard of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Operating Motor Vehicles on Parking Areas.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 891, amended. Section 891 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 311 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public highway of the State, or road of any specially chartered municipal association, or on any parking area for 10 cars or more, at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable, having regard to the width, traffic and use of the highway, road or parking area, the intersection of streets and the weather conditions. The operation of a motor vehicle upon any parking area for 10 cars or more, at such a rate of speed as to endanger the life of any occupant of such motor vehicle, including any person who violates any provision of this subchapter, shall constitute a violation of this section.

The traffic authority of any municipality may establish speed limits on any parking area for 10 or more cars or more wholly within the municipality under its jurisdiction, provided such limit shall become effective only after application for approval thereof has been submitted in writing to the Secretary of State and a certificate of such approval has been forwarded by the Secretary of State to the traffic authority, and provided such signs giving notice of such speed limits shall have been erected as the Secretary of State directs. The presence of such signs adjacent to or on the highway or parking area for 10 cars or more shall be prima facie evidence that they have been so placed under the direction of and with the approval of the Secretary of State. Approval of such speed limits may be revoked by the Secretary of State at any time if

it deems such revocation to be in the interest of public safety and welfare, and thereupon such limits shall cease to be effective and any signs that have been erected shall be removed. Any speed in excess of such limits shall be prima facie evidence that such speed is not reasonable, but the fact that the speed of a vehicle is lower than such limits shall not relieve the operator from the duty to decrease speed when a special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.

As used in this section, "parking area" means lots, areas or other accommodations for the parking of motor vehicles in excess of 10 or more off the street or highway and open to the public use without charge.