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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1119

H. P. 828

House of Representatives, February 24, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Henley of Norway.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Operation of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 1252, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 1252 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. Careful speed. Any person driving a vehicle on a way **or in any other place** shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the ~~highway~~ **way or place**, and of any other conditions then existing.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 1311, amended. Section 1311 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 21 of chapter 245 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 1311. Reckless driving

Whoever operates any vehicle, upon any way or in any **other place** ~~to which the public has a right of access~~, recklessly, or in a wanton manner causing injury to any person or property shall be guilty of reckless driving and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months, or by both; and whoever is convicted the 2nd or subsequent time for a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 1314, amended. Section 1314 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 1314. Driving to endanger

No person shall drive any vehicle upon a way or in any other place in such a manner as to endanger any person or property.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 29, § 1317, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1317 to read as follows:

§ 1317. Motor Vehicles in Racing Events

Sections 1252, 1311 and 1314 shall not apply to the operation of vehicles participating in racing events and exhibitions at which the public does not have access to the operating area.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow for legal action against reckless or improper driving of motor vehicles in areas other than public ways.