

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1109

House of Representatives, March 20, 1979

On Motion of Mr. McKean of Limestone, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McPherson of Eliot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Concerning State Highways and Parking on State Controlled Property.**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA § 951**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is further amended to read:

**§ 951. Planting**

The department may ~~subject to the consent of abutting landowners~~ cause or allow grasses, shrubs, vines and trees to be planted and maintained along state and state aid highways, to be paid for as part of the cost of construction and maintenance of highways. ~~This cost shall not exceed \$1,500 per year~~

**Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1111, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is further amended to read:

The Department of Transportation with respect to highways **and other property** under its jurisdiction may place signs prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on any highway, or within 10 feet from the nearer outside line of the traveled way of a public highway, **or on any property under its jurisdiction**, where in its opinion, as evidenced by resolution or order entered in its minutes, such stopping, standing or parking is dangerous to those using the highway or where the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles would unduly

interfere with the free movement of traffic thereon. Such signs shall be official signs and no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in violation of the restriction stated on such signs.

**Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 1111, 3rd ¶** is amended to read:

When an officer finds a vehicle standing on a highway **or the department finds a vehicle standing on property under its jurisdiction** in violation of this section, he **or the department in regard to property under its jurisdiction** may move the vehicle or require the driver or person in charge of the vehicle to move it to a position permitted under this section.

**Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 1111, 5th ¶, first sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 174, is amended to read:

An officer may cause any vehicle parked, disabled or abandoned on any way so as to interfere with or hinder the removal of snow or the normal movement of traffic, or parked within the limits of a highway right-of-way, **and the Department of Transportation may cause any vehicle parked or standing on property under its jurisdiction**, to be removed from the way and placed in a suitable parking place, at the expense of the person in whose name such vehicle is registered.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill removes obsolete provisions relating to planting of trees, etc., along state and state aid highways and provides for the control of parking on property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.