

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 468

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to regulate the use of Automobiles and Motor Vehi-
cles upon Public Ways.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Section 1. No automobile or motor vehicle shall be driven,
2 operated, or caused to be driven or operated, upon any high-
3 way, town way, public street, avenue, driveway, park or park-
4 way, at a greater rate of speed than fifteen miles an hour, or
5 upon any highway, town way, public street, avenue, driveway,
6 park or parkway, within the compact or built up portions of
7 any city, town or village, at a greater rate of speed than eight

8 miles an hour, except where such city or town may by ordinance or by-law permit a greater rate of speed.

Sect. 2. The municipal officers of cities and towns shall have no power to regulate the speed of such vehicles except to fix the limits of what may be regarded as the compact and built up portions thereof, and to permit a greater speed than eight miles an hour but not greater than fifteen miles an hour.

Sect. 3. The users, drivers and operators of all such vehicles shall, except as herein provided, be subject to all the obligations, and entitled to all the rights, in the use of such highways, town ways, public streets, avenues, driveways, parks and parkways, as the users, drivers and operators of vehicles propelled by manual or animal motive power are subject or entitled to.

Sect. 4. No person driving or in charge of an automobile or motor vehicle on any highway, townway, public street, avenue, driveway, park or parkway, shall drive the same at any speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the way by others, or so as to endanger the life or limb of any person; and racing any such vehicle on any such ways or parks is hereby forbidden.

Sect. 5. Every person driving or operating an automobile or motor vehicle shall at request and signal by putting up the hand, or by other visible signal, from a person riding or driving a horse or horses or other domestic animals, cause such vehicle to come to a stop as soon as possible and to remain stationary so long as may be necessary to allow such animal or animals to pass.

Sect. 6. Every such automobile or motor vehicle shall have
2 attached thereto a suitable bell or other appliance for giving
3 notice of its approach, which, when rung or otherwise
4 operated, may be heard at a distance of three hundred feet ;
5 and shall also carry a lighted lamp between one hour after
6 sunset and one hour before sunrise.

Sect. 7. Municipal officers of any city or town may desig-
2 nate places on any streets or ways therein, where, in their
3 judgment, by reason of cliffs, embankments or other
4 exceptional natural conditions, the meeting of automobiles or
5 motor vehicles and horses would be attended with unusual
6 danger. Such designation shall be made by causing the
7 words "automobiles—go slow" to be conspicuously displayed
8 on signboards at the right hand side of each approach to the
9 place to be designated, and not more than one hundred and
10 fifty feet distant therefrom; and an automobile or motor
11 vehicle, before meeting any horse between such limits, shall be
12 brought to a standstill, and shall not proceed, unless by re-
13 quest of the rider or driver of the horse, until such horse shall
14 have passed; and no such vehicle shall pass any place so desig-
15 nated at a greater speed than four miles an hour.

Sect. 8. The violation of any of the provisions of this act
2 shall be punished by fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, to
3 be recovered by complaint before a trial justice or a judge of
4 a municipal or police court.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 19, 1903.

Reported by Mr. POTTER of Brunswick, from Committee on the
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*