

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO: 158

House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1913.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the Preservation of Highways and
Bridges.

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

Section 1. No traction engine, trailer, motor or other ve-
2 hicle shall be operated upon or over a highway or bridge
3 in this state, nor shall any object be moved over or upon
4 a highway or bridge, upon wheels, rollers or otherwise, in
5 excess of a total weight of nine tons, including vehicle, ob-
6 ject or contrivance and load, without first obtaining a per-
7 mit, mentioned in section three of this act, from the author-

8 ity or authorities in charge of the maintenance or care of
9 said highway or bridge; nor shall any vehicle be operated
10 or contrivance moved upon or over said highways or bridges
11 which has any flange, ribs, clamps or other object attached
12 to its wheels or made a part thereof, which will injure, cut
13 into or destroy the surface of the highway or bridge for
14 any considerable depth, nor shall any such engine, vehicle,
15 object or contrivance for moving heavy loads be operated
16 or moved upon or over any highway or bridge the weight
17 of which resting upon the surface of said highway or bridge
18 exceeds eight hundred pounds upon any inch in width of
19 the tire, roller, wheel or other object supported upon the
20 surface thereof without first obtaining said permit. The
21 owner, driver, operator or mover of any such engine, ve-
22 hicle, object or contrivance over said highway or bridge
23 shall, unless relieved from liability in said permit, be re-
24 sponsible for all damages which said highway or bridge
25 may sustain as a result of said action on his part, and the
26 amount thereof may be recovered by the authority or au-
27 thorities in charge of the maintenance or care of said high-
28 way or bridge, or by the authorities of the city or town,
29 the state highway board or the county commissioners which
30 have charge of the highway or bridge which is injured, in
31 an action on the case.

Sect. 2. No steam traction engine, with or without trail-
2 ers, and no motor truck carrying a weight in excess of four
3 tons, including the vehicle, shall be operated upon any high-

4 way or bridge at a speed greater than fifteen miles an hour ;
5 and no such vehicle carrying a weight in excess of six tons,
6 including the vehicle, shall be operated upon any highway
7 or bridge at a speed greater than six miles an hour when
8 such vehicle is equipped with tires of hard rubber or other
9 similar substance.

Sect. 3. The Maine highway board, county commission-
2 ers, superintendents of streets, selectmen or road authori-
3 ties having charge of the repair and maintenance of any
4 highway or bridge in any of the cities or towns in the state,
5 are hereby authorized, upon proper application in writing,
6 to grant permits for the moving of heavy vehicles, loads,
7 objects or structures over said highways and bridges, which
8 permits, when duly granted, shall authorize such movement.
9 Said permits may be general or may limit the time and the
10 particular roads and bridges which may be used, and may
11 contain any special conditions or provisions which in the
12 opinion of the authorities granting the same are necessary
13 for the protection of said highways or bridges from injury.
14 The authorities having charge of any such bridge are here-
15 by authorized to make regulations limiting the speed of any
16 of the vehicles mentioned in this act passing over said bridge
17 to a speed not to exceed six miles an hour, provided notice
18 is conspicuously posted at each end of the bridge affected
19 by such regulation.

Sect. 4. Any person violating the provisions of this act
2 or the regulations made or permits granted under authority

3 thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten dollars
4 nor more than five hundred dollars for each and every of-
5 fence, and said fines shall be paid into the treasury of the
6 state, for use on state highways or bridges when state high-
7 ways or bridges are injured, and into the treasury of the
8 city, town or county when any highway or bridge is injured
9 which is under the care of said city, town or county, for
10 use on the highways of said city, town or county in addi-
11 tion to any other moneys that may be available for that
12 purpose.