

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 671

House of Representatives, March 27, 1913.

*Reported by Mr. Scates from Committee on Ways and
Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT in relation to safety and improvement of highways.

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

Section 1. Whenever the state highway department deems
2 that trees, bushes, or other encroachments within the limits
3 of a public way obstruct the view at railroad crossings, or
4 where one public way enters another, and thereby renders
5 such way dangerous to travellers, it shall cause the removal
6 of such obstructions. The state highway department may
7 also enter upon private property at such places and from
8 time to time cause the removal of trees and bushes growing
9 thereon and obstructing the view as aforesaid. Any dam-
10 ages sustained by such removal, after due notice given, shall
11 be assessed and awarded by the state highway department

12 and paid in the same manner as prescribed by law in the
13 case of damages by the laying out of highways, and appeals
14 from the findings of the state highway department shall be
15 entered and prosecuted in like manner and be subject to like
16 limitations.

Sect. 2. Placing turf in the travelled part of any high-
2 way, street or town way by any municipality, its employees
3 or contractors is prohibited, unless said turf is cut up fine
4 or covered up. Upon violation of this section the state
5 highway department shall cause to be withheld payment of
6 state money for highways to such municipality until such
7 turf is removed at the expense of the municipality and the
8 way restored to the satisfaction of the state highway de-
9 partment.

Sect. 3. No advertising signs shall be erected or main-
2 tained within five hundred feet of crossings of highways
3 or within five hundred feet of where one public way enters
4 another within the limits of such ways. The state high-
5 way department shall cause any signs so erected to be re-
6 moved at the expense of the person erecting or maintaining
7 the same, to be recovered in an action on the case. Such
8 person shall also be subject to fine not exceeding fifty dol-
9 lars to be paid to the treasurer of state and credited to the
10 highway fund. The state highway department shall cause
11 the provisions of sections 91 and 92 of chapter 23 of the
12 revised statutes to be enforced on all state and state aid
13 roads.