

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 244

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Tuttle of Caribou.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

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AN ACT to Improve the Public Highways of Maine by regulating the Width of Tires upon Wagons made for Carrying Heavy Loads.

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

Section 1. That on and after the first day of January, one  
2 thousand nine hundred and nineteen all wagons for the  
3 purpose of carrying freight, merchandise and farm products,  
4 with a one and one-half inch axle shall be equipped with  
5 flat tires not less than three inches wide. Wagons with  
6 more than one and one-half inch axle shall be equipped  
7 with flat tires not less than four inches wide, where they  
8 are to be used by any person upon any highways of this

9 state outside of paved or macadamized streets of cities or  
10 towns.

Sect. 2. The proper municipal authorities of cities and  
2 towns, having within their limits paved or macadamized  
3 streets, are hereby authorized and empowered to regulate  
4 the width of tires upon such wagons used upon such paved  
5 or macadamized streets.

Sect. 3. All wheelwrights, blacksmiths and others plac-  
2 ing tires of less than the width described in Section 1 of this  
3 Act on wagons described in same section, except such as  
4 are to be used on paved or macadamized streets, shall be  
5 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be pun-  
6 ished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than  
7 twenty-five dollars for each offense.

Sect. 4. Any person who violates any ordinances made in  
2 pursuance of Section 2 of this act, shall be guilty of a  
3 misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a  
4 fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five  
5 dollars for each offense.