

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 525

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*House of Representatives, March 5, 1915.*

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

*Committee on Conference.*

*Presented by Mr. Smith of Hampden.*

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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 provide for the systematic maintenance of the principal thoroughfare in each municipality in the State.

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

Section 1. Every town in which the state highway commission, acting under the provisions of section nine, or section eighteen, of chapter one hundred and thirty, of the Public Laws of 1913, supervises the maintenance of any state or state aid highway, is hereby directed to co-operate with the said highway commission in the employment of a regular road patrolman to perform maintenance work in addition to that upon the state highway or the state aid highway, upon such mileage of road as shall be *mutually* agreed

10 upon by the municipal officers of the town and the state  
11 highway commission.

Sect. 2. For each mile of road so maintained it shall be  
2 lawful for the municipal officers of such towns as come with-  
3 in the provisions of section one of this act, and for the pur-  
4 poses therein set forth, and they are hereby directed, to an-  
5 nually pay, prior to Sept. 1, of the year in which the work  
6 is done, from the town's appropriation for roads and bridges  
7 into the state treasury a sum which shall equal the average  
8 amount per mile of road, raised by the town for the support  
9 of highways. This amount shall not be less than thirty  
10 dollars per mile nor more than sixty dollars per mile. It  
11 shall be added to such maintenance fund as may be provided  
12 under sections nine or eighteen, of chapter one hundred and  
13 thirty, of the Public Laws of 1913, and its expenditure  
14 shall be directed and administered by the state highway  
15 commission. In computing the average amount per mile of  
16 road, raised by the town, the mileage of road heretofore im-  
17 proved wholly by the State or by joint expenditure of state  
18 and town funds shall be deducted from the total mileage of  
19 roads in the towns. If any town shall fail to pay its share  
20 as above provided, the amounts payable by such town to  
21 the state under this act shall be certified by the commission  
22 to the state auditor, who if he finds the amount correct shall  
23 certify it to the treasurer of state, and unless sooner paid it  
24 shall be collected and paid in the same manner as any state  
25 tax against such town or county, with interest at six per

26 centum per annum from the date of the auditor's certifica-  
27 tion to the treasurer of state.

Sect. 3. The state highway commission shall make return  
2 each year to the municipal officers of each town coming  
3 within the provisions of this act of the maintenance work  
4 performed in such town under the provisions hereof.