

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE NO. 879

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*In House of Representatives, March 20, 1915.*  
*Reported by Mr. Campbell from Committee on Judiciary and*  
*ordered printed under joint rules.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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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 amend Section 17 of Chapter 71 of Private and  
Special Law of 1891 incorporating the city of Old Town.

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

That Section 17 of chapter 71, Private and Special Laws  
2 of 1891 is hereby amended by striking out the word "may"  
3 in the 14th line of said section and inserting in the place  
4 thereof the following: 'Not less than one-half the costs  
5 of construction shall,' so that said section as amended shall  
6 read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The city council may regulate the height, width  
8 and material of any sidewalk in any public square, place,  
9 street, walk, lane, court or alley in said city. The city shall

10 not be answerable for any damage to person or property  
11 by reason of or resulting from trees planted or growing  
12 along its streets or ways, or posts of wood, stone or other  
13 material set or maintained by authority of said city or its  
14 proper officers along said streets or ways, or any poles or  
15 wires erected or strung in or along said streets or ways for  
16 the transmission of heat, light, power or intelligence by  
17 electricity. Sidewalks may be with or without edgestones;  
18 and the expense of edgestones if used, and of the covering  
19 material, if of concrete or brick, or such proportion of said  
20 expense as the city council may direct, not less than one-  
21 upon the shall be assessed the cost of construction half is  
22 abutting lands in just proportions, and be collected in the  
23 same manner as damages for laying out, widening or other-  
24 wise altering, or discontinuing a street or way, are assessed  
25 upon abutting lands and collected.'