

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 887

House of Representatives, March 20, 1915.

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

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section 1. Every town in which the state highway com-
2 mission, acting under the provisions of section nine, or sec-
3 tion eighteen, of chapter one hundred and thirty, of the
4 Public Laws of 1913, supervises the maintenance of any
5 state or state aid highway, is hereby directed to co-operate
6 with the said State highway commission in the employment
7 of a regular road patrolman to perform maintenance work
8 in addition to that upon the state highway or the state aid
9 highway, upon such mileage of road as shall be mutually
10 agreed upon by the municipal officers of the town and the
11 state 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
3 within the provisions of section one of this act, and for the
4 purposes therein set forth, and they are hereby directed, to
5 annually pay, prior to September 1, of the year in which the
6 work is done, from the town's appropriation for roads and
7 bridges into the state treasury a sum which shall equal the
8 average amount per mile of road, raised by the town for
9 the support of highways. This amount shall be not less than
10 thirty dollars per mile nor more than sixty dollars per mile.
11 It shall be added to such maintenance fund as may be pro-
12 vided under sections nine or eighteen, of chapter one hun-
13 dred and thirty, of the Public Laws of 1913, and its ex-
14 penditure shall be directed and administered by the state
15 highway commission. In computing the average amount
16 per mile of road, raised by the town, the mileage of road
17 heretofore improved wholly by the State or by joint ex-
18 penditure of state and town funds shall be deducted from
19 the total mileage of roads in the towns. If any town shall
20 fail to pay its share as above provided, the amounts payable
21 by such town to the state under this act shall be certified by
22 the commission to the state auditor, who if he finds the
23 amount correct shall certify it to the treasurer of state, and
24 unless sooner paid it shall be collected and paid in the same
25 manner as any state tax against such town or county, with
26 interest at six per centum per annum from the date of the
27 auditor's certification 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.