

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 250

In Senate, March 3, 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. Conant of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the permanent improvement of land
within the limit of any highway or townway adjoining any
land not known as wild land.

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

Section 1. Each city, town or plantation shall each year
2 set aside five per cent of the money raised and appropriated
3 for ways and bridges to be used in cutting and removing
4 all trees, shrubs and useless fruit trees, bushes and weeds
5 (except shade trees, timber trees, cared-for fruit trees, and
6 ornamental shrubs) growing between the road limit and the
7 wrought part of said highway or townway until all the trees,
8 shrubs and worthless fruit trees, bushes and weeds, have

9 been once removed from the limits of highway, after which
10 the owner of the land adjoining any highway or townway,
11 shall each year before the first day of September, remove
12 all bushes, weeds, worthless trees and grass from the road-
13 side adjoining his cultivated or mowing fields. The town
14 to care for all lands not included in the above except wild
15 land.

Sect. 2. If any owner of such land shall fail to cut and
2 remove said bushes, weeds, worthless trees and grass, on or
3 before September first of each year, the mayor of any city,
4 selectman of any town, or assessors of any plantation where-
5 in said land may be located, shall cause said bushes, weeds,
6 grass and worthless trees to be cut and removed. The act-
7 ual expense of such cutting and removal shall be lien upon
8 said land so adjoining said highway or townway, and shall
9 be assessed and collected as a tax thereon.

Sect. 3. If any city, town or plantation in the construc-
2 tion or repair of its highways places any stone, sods or other
3 material upon land within the limit of any highway which
4 the owner has cleared from stone and smoothed so it will
5 be tillable land and so used, said city, town or plantation,
6 shall within thirty days remove the same from such cleared
7 land. Failing to do this the owner of said land may remove
8 such stone, sods or other material therefrom and be paid
9 the same price per hour for such removal as is paid by said
10 city, town or plantation for labor in the construction and
11 repair of its road.