

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 253

House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Tuttle of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to improve the public highways of Maine by regulating the width of tires upon wagons and carts for carrying heavy loads.

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

Section 1. On and after the first day of January, one
2 thousand nine hundred and twenty, no wagon or cart for
3 the transportation of heavy loads shall be used upon any
4 public highway of this state unless each axle of wagon or
5 cart so used shall be equipped with wheels with tires as
6 follows: Wagons or carts with one and one-half inch axle

7 shall be equipped with flat tires not less than two and one-
8 fourth inches in width, wagons or carts with an axle more
9 than one and one-half inch in diameter shall be equipped
10 with flat tires whose width shall be not less than twice the
11 diameter of their axles.

Provided, this act shall not apply to apparatus of fire de-
2 partments, nor to vehicles with rubber tires.

Sect. 2. The word "axle" as used in this chapter shall
2 be deemed to mean an axle of iron or steel, or other
3 material of not greater load-carrying capacity. The axle
4 measurement therein referred to shall be the diameter of the
5 axle or its thickness at the shoulder thereof.

Sect. 3. Any person, firm, or corporation who violates
2 any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not
3 less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars for the
4 same offense, and it is hereby made the duty of chiefs of
5 police of cities, selectmen of towns, and the highway com-
6 missioners to prosecute all violations of this act, and when
7 bringing complaint against any violator of this act, they
8 shall not be required to give bond for payment of costs.

Sect. 4. The fines collected for violation of this act shall
2 be paid to the use of the town or city in which the offense
3 is committed, for the improvement of public highway.