

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 677

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*House of Representatives, March 23, 1917.*

*Printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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*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 twenty-one, 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 fol-  
6 lows: 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, nor to any ve-  
3 hicle used exclusively on granite or wood block, or brick  
4 pavements.

Sect. 2. The word "axle" as used in this chapter shall be  
2 deemed to mean an axle of iron or steel, or other material  
3 of not greater load-carrying capacity. The axle measure-  
4 ment therein referred to shall be the diameter of the axle  
5 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 violater 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 highways.