

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 410

House of Representatives, March 26, 1921.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Regulate the Use of Motor Driven and Animal
Drawn Vehicles on Highways.

Whereas, the use of motor driven and animal drawn vehicles upon many of the highways of this state during the coming spring, unless regulated in some manner other than is possible under existing law, is likely to cause serious and irreparable injury to said highways, and

Whereas, legislation to prevent said injury is immediately necessary in the interest of public peace, health and safety, and

Whereas, the foregoing facts in the judgment of this legislature constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of this state, now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The state highway commission are hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the governor and council,

3 to promulgate such reasonable rules and regulations as in
4 their judgment may be necessary to insure proper use and
5 prevent the abuse of state and state-aid highways by motor
6 driven and animal drawn vehicles during such season of
7 the year as said highways require such special protection.
8 Rules and regulations so promulgated shall be filed by said
9 commission with the municipal officers of each town, city
10 and plantation effected thereby, and such municipal officers
11 shall cause attested copies of the same to be posted in as
12 many public places in their respective municipalities as may
13 be required by said commission. Such rules and regulations
14 shall also be published one or more times in the state paper
15 and such other papers as the state highway commission may
16 determine.

Sect. 2. Any person violating any rule or regulation laid
2 down by said commission under the provisions of section
3 one of this act, and thereby causing damage to any state
4 or state-aid highway, shall be fined not exceeding one hun-
5 dred dollars for each offense and in addition thereto shall
6 be liable to the state for all damages occasioned thereby,
7 to be recovered by an action on the case, prosecuted by said
8 state highway commission in the name of the state. All
9 sums so recovered as damages shall be credited to the fund
10 for maintenance of state or state-aid highways as the case
11 may be.

Sect. 3. In view of the emergency set forth in the pre-
2 amble, this act shall take effect when approved.