

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 57

In Senate, February 16, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Emery of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Providing for State Maintenance of All Highway
Bridges Over Six Hundred Feet in Length.

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

Section 1. The State Highway Commission shall, on and
2 after this act becomes effective, take over for maintenance
3 at the sole expense of the State all highway bridges not
4 owned by corporations or toll companies having a length
5 of six hundred feet or more, measured from end to end of
6 the floor of any said bridges.

Sect. 2. There is hereby appropriated, to be used by the
2 State Highway Commission for the purposes of this act,
3 the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in nineteen hun-

4 dred twenty-one and the sum of one hundred thousand dol-
5 lars in nineteen hundred twenty-two. Both of said amounts,
6 or any balance of either of them unexpended during the
7 calendar year for which the appropriation is made, shall
8 be available for expenditure for the purposes of this act
9 until June thirtieth, nineteen hundred twenty-three.

Sect. 3. The commission may from time to time purchase,
2 lease or hire all machinery, tools, implements and property
3 necessary for the examination and repair of all bridges
4 referred to in this act and may contract for such labor,
5 materials and property as it may deem necessary for such
6 examination and repair of such bridges. The commission
7 may perform said actual repair work by any method which
8 the Governor and Council approve and if contracts are let
9 for said repair work they may be let either with or without
10 advertising for bids, if the same shall be for the best in-
11 terest of the state and shall be approved by the governor
12 and council.