

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 269

House of Representatives, March 6, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Story of Washburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Regulate the Width of Tires on Animal Drawn
Vehicles Used for Carrying Heavy Loads on Ways and
Bridges.

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

Section 1. No animal drawn vehicle, on wheels, shall be
2 used on any way or bridge of this state unless said vehicle
3 is equipped with flat tires, the width of which is as follows:

On vehicles equipped with axles having a diameter of
2 not more than one and one-half inches, the tires shall be
3 not less than two inches in width.

On vehicles equipped with axles having a diameter of
2 more than one and one-half inches and not more than one

3 and three quarters inches the tires shall be not less than
4 three inches in width.

On vehicles equipped with axles having a diameter greater
2 than one and three quarters inches but not greater than
3 two inches the tires shall be not less than three and one-
4 half inches in width.

On vehicles equipped with axles having a diameter greater
2 than two inches the tires shall be not less than four inches
3 in width; but in no case shall the combined weight of load
4 and vehicle exceed the weights prescribed in section forty-
5 nine of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws
6 of nineteen hundred and twenty-one as amended, except
7 as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 2. This act shall not apply to said vehicles used
2 solely on paved or macadamized streets of cities or towns;
3 provided however, that the municipal officers, or other road
4 officials having charge of the repair and maintenance of
5 said streets are hereby empowered to regulate the width of
6 tires on such vehicles used thereon. Any order formulated
7 under authority of this section shall be in effect when notice
8 thereof is given in accordance with the provisions of section
9 twenty of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public
10 laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as amended.

Sect. 3. Permits for the use of animal drawn vehicles,
2 not equipped as provided in section one of this act, may
3 be issued in accordance with the provisions of section eight-
4 gen of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws

5 of nineteen hundred and twenty-one and amendments there-
6 to.

Sect. 4. Whoever violates any provision of this act or
2 any order or ordinance formulated and promulgated under
3 authority thereof, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a
4 fine of not less than five nor more than one hundred dol-
5 lars for each offense. The state highway commission shall
6 have authority to enforce the provisions of this act, and
7 all fines imposed and collected for violations thereof shall
8 be transmitted to the commission and applied as provided
9 in section ninety-two of chapter two hundred and eleven of
10 the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as
11 amended.

Sect. 5. This act shall become operative February first,
2 nineteen hundred and twenty-eight and shall not be con-
3 strued to repeal or to affect any other statute now in force
4 relative to the use of animal drawn vehicles on any way or
5 bridge of this state, but shall be considered as in addition
6 thereto.