

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 324

House of Representatives, March 7, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gardiner of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Authorizing the State to Take Over the Control and Maintenance of Certain Highway Bridges.

Whereas, by reason of the increase in weight, speed and number of vehicles used on the roads and bridges of Maine, and the change of such traffic from a local to statewide nature, certain long bridges can no longer be maintained by the municipalities in which they are located; and

Whereas, in recognition of this condition, said bridges have for several years been maintained principally by the state; and

Whereas, such maintenance cannot be conducted under the present system so efficiently or economically as would be possible under state control.

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

Section 1. That the long bridges known as the Howland-
2 Enfield bridge, the Norridgewock bridge, the Edgecomb-
3 Wiscasset bridge, the York bridge, the Bucksport-Verona
4 bridge, the Eastport-Perry bridge and the Gardiner-Ran-
5 dolph bridge, shall on and after the date on which this
6 act shall be effective, be taken over by the state highway
7 commission for maintenance at the sole expense of the
8 state, out of any funds at its disposal for bridge or high-
9 way maintenance.

Sect. 2. 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 re-
4 ferred 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 terests of the state, and shall be approved by the governor
12 and council.