

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. 1273

H. D. 509

House of Representatives, April 2, 1925.

Reported by Majority from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Prohibiting Advertising Signs upon Public
Highways.

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

Section 1. No person shall post, erect, display or maintain or cause to be posted, erected, displayed or maintained any sign, billboard, panel, placard, poster, notice or other advertising device, in, upon, or above any public highway or so situated with respect to any public highway as to obstruct clear vision of an intersecting highway or highways or otherwise so situated as to prevent the safe use of the public highways; and such public highway shall be deemed the full width of the road as laid out by the county or the town.

Provided, that the provisions hereof shall not apply to the
2 State or to any political subdivision thereof or to signs
3 erected or maintained with the approval of the State High-
4 way Commission solely for the purpose of safeguarding,
5 facilitating or protecting travel along the highway.

Sect. 2. Any person found guilty of violating the pro-
2 visions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less
3 than five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars; and
4 whoever after conviction of such violation unlawfully main-
5 tains any such sign, billboard, panel, placard, poster, notice
6 or other advertising device for ten days after such con-
7 viction may be punished by a further fine of not more than
8 fifty dollars for each day upon which such sign, billboard,
9 panel, placard, poster, notice or other advertising device is
10 maintained. Municipal courts and trial justices shall have
11 jurisdiction to punish offenses under this act. The State
12 Highway Police shall remove all signs, billboards, panels,
13 placards, posters, notices or other advertising devices ex-
14 isting within the limits of the highway in violation hereof.