

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 210

H. P. 753

House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williams of Webster.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Left Light on the Front of
Automobiles.

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

Paragraph two of section sixty-eight of chapter two hundred eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out in the second and third lines thereof the words, "each of approximately equal candle-power," and inserting in place thereof, the words, 'the one upon the left side of such motor vehicle or tractor shall not exceed twelve candle-power,' so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

'Every motor vehicle and tractor on wheels shall have two mounted on the right and left sides of the front thereof a

3 pair of lamps, the one upon the left side of such motor ve-
4 hicle or tractor shall not exceed twelve candle-power, and
5 every motor cycle shall have mounted on the front thereof
6 one lamp. If any such vehicle is so mechanically construct-
7 ed, governed or controlled that it cannot exceed a speed
8 of fifteen miles per hour, it shall have front lamps capable
9 of furnishing light of sufficient candle-power to render any
10 substantial object clearly discernible on a level way at least
11 fifty feet directly ahead and at the same time at least seven
12 feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle for a distance
13 of at least twenty-five feet. If said vehicles can exceed a
14 speed of fifteen miles per hour, then they shall front lamps
15 capable of furnishing light of sufficient candle-power to
16 render any substantial object clearly discernible on a level
17 way at least two hundred feet directly ahead and at the
18 same time at least seven feet to the right of the axis of such
19 vehicle for a distance of at least one hundred feet; provided
20 that no front lamp capable of furnishing more than four
21 candle-power light shall be used if equipped with a reflector,
22 unless so designed, equipped or mounted that no portion
23 of the beam of light when projected seventy-five feet or
24 more ahead of the lamps shall rise above a plane forty-two
25 inches higher than and parallel with the level surface on
26 which the vehicle stands; and provided, further, that no
27 electric bulb or other lighting device of a greater capacity
28 than thirty-two candle-power shall be used, no matter how
29 the same may be shaded, covered or obscured.'