

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legal Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Permit Cities and Towns to Lay Out Bridle Paths
and Bridle Trails.**

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

Section 1. Bridle paths and trails may be laid out, altered
2 or discontinued by any town or city within such town or
3 city on petition therefor in the same manner as is provided
4 by law for the laying out, altering or discontinuing of town
5 ways in a town, or city streets in a city, except that no
6 cultivated or improved land shall be taken without the con-
7 sent of the owner, and a two-thirds vote shall be required
8 for the acceptance of such paths and trails by any town.
9 All provisions now in force as to assessment of damages

10 and appeal therefrom in cases of laying out, altering and
11 discontinuing town ways in towns or city streets shall apply
12 to laying out, altering and discontinuing bridle paths and
13 trails except that the petitioners shall have no right of appeal.

Sect. 2. Bridle paths and trails, when so laid out and ac-
2 cepted, shall be subject to such regulations as to use as may
3 be established by the city or town laying them out.

Sect. 3. Cities and towns maintaining such bridle paths
2 and trails shall not be under any obligation to keep them
3 in repair, or to break them out in winter; providing that if
4 any city or town shall erect a bridge on such bridle path or
5 trail, it shall be under the same obligation to keep such
6 bridge in a safe condition for the use of horses and riders,
7 as it is now under to keep highway bridges in repair for the
8 purposes for which they are used. But such city or town
9 shall erect at the entrance of such bridle paths and trails
10 suitable signs, signifying that they are bridle paths or trails,
11 only, and not for use of vehicles, and that persons may use
12 them at their own risk.