

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 242

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S. P. 274

In Senate, Jan. 29, 1931.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Small of Waldo.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Maintenance of Bridges on State Highways.

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

Section sixty-seven of chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the second line of said section after the word "seventy-four" the following words: 'which are not located on a state highway', and by adding at the end of said section the following new paragraph: 'All bridges in the state which are or shall be located on a state highway shall be maintained by the state and shall not be subject to any of the provisions for maintenance provided by sections sixty-two to sixty-six, inclusive', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 67. Maintenance of bridges. All costs of maintenance of bridges built or rebuilt under the provisions of sections sixty-two to seventy-four which are not located on a state highway shall be borne by the town or towns in which they are located, apportioned upon the basis of valuation as last made by the board of state assessors where more than one town is involved; provided, however, that in case of neglect or failure by any town or towns to properly maintain any bridges built or rebuilt under the provisions of said sections, the state highway commission may order such maintenance

work as in its judgment is deemed necessary. If any town or towns fail to obey, within a reasonable time, such order of the state highway commission, then the commission may proceed to do such maintenance work and the amounts payable by said towns, under the provisions of said sections, shall be certified by the commission to the state auditor, who, if he finds the amount correct shall certify to the treasurer of state, and unless sooner paid it shall be collected and paid in the same manner as any state tax against such town or towns, with interest at six per cent per annum from the date of the auditor's certification to the treasurer of state. In any case in which the cost of maintenance and repair of bridges in any town shall make a tax rate for said town in excess of five mills for any year, the state highway commission may assume such proportion thereof as in its judgment the public interest requires from any fund available for such purpose.'