

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 295

S. P. 319

In Senate, Feb. 4, 1931.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Crockett of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Advertising Signs on Highways.

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

Section 19 of Chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes of 1930 is hereby amended by striking out the words following the semicolon in the sixth line thereof, and inserting the following: 'Such public highway, when within the compact part of any city or town, shall be deemed the full width of the road as laid out by the county or the town, and when outside the compact part of any city or town, shall be deemed to be one hundred feet each side of the center line of the traveled way. The compact or built-up portion of any city, town or village shall mean the territory of a city, town or village contiguous to any way, which is built up with structures devoted to business, or where the dwelling houses are situated less than one hundred and fifty feet apart for a distance of at least one-quarter of a mile.', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 19. Advertising signs on highways prohibited; signs approved by state highway commission for safeguarding travel, excepted. 1925, c. 188, sec. 1. 1927, c. 160. 1929, c. 283. 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 de-

vice, 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 highway. Such public highway, when within the compact part of any city or town, shall be deemed the full width of the road as laid out by the county or the town, and when outside the compact part of any city or town, shall be deemed to be one hundred feet each side of the center line of the traveled way. The compact or built-up portion of any city, town or village shall mean the territory of a city, town or village contiguous to any way, which is built up with structures devoted to business, or where the dwelling houses are situated less than one hundred and fifty feet apart for a distance of at least one-quarter of a mile.

Provided, that the provisions hereof shall not apply to the state or to any political subdivision thereof or to signs erected or maintained with the approval of the state highway commission solely for the purpose of safeguarding, facilitating, or protecting travel along the highway; and provided further that the state highway commission may authorize the placing of directional signs of such design as it shall determine, not exceeding thirty inches in length and nine inches in width to designate places of interest; to be posted without expense to the state at the junction of roads in the town where the place is located and in adjoining towns.'