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House of Representatives, Jan. 21, 1937.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pike of Bridgton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Guide Posts on Highways.

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

R. S., c. 28, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 28 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 7. General powers and duties of commission. The commission may from time to time make and shall enforce rules and regulations relating to construction and maintenance of all state and state aid highways and relating to the manner of conducting all investigations and hearings and the administration of its office, powers, and duties, subject to the provisions of this chapter; and shall, with the approval of the governor and council, direct the expenditure of all moneys for construction and maintenance of all state and state aid highways. The commission may from time to time purchase, lease, or hire all machinery, tools, implements, and property necessary for highway engineering and construction and for the administration and execution of its duties, and may contract for such labor, materials, and property as it may deem necessary for the examination, building, and construction of state and state aid highways. The commission may be consulted by and shall without charge advise municipal officers and road commissioners on the subject of construction and maintenance of

public highways, bridges, and other structures. ~~On all state and state aid highways all guide-posts shall be of such reasonable form, height, and design as the commission shall designate.~~ **It shall be the duty of the commission to cause all state and state aid highways to be distinctly marked by signs and guide posts of uniform designs and locations and such system of signs and guide posts shall correlate with and so far as possible conform to the system set forth in the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways" approved as an American standard by American Standards Association under date of November 7, 1935, and the cost of placing and maintaining said signs and guide posts hereunder shall be paid from any funds available for the construction and maintenance of state and state aid highways.**

Whenever it becomes necessary to close a state highway to travel on account of construction, before such state highway is closed the commission shall establish the most practical detour road around the state highway to be constructed, have the same properly signed at all intersecting roads or streets indicating the principal town or city in either direction and cause the detour road to be put in proper condition to withstand the travel and maintained in such condition until the state highway being constructed is open to travel. If the commission neglects to so sign, establish, or maintain such detour road the same shall be done by order of the governor and council. Whenever practicable, the travel shall be permitted to pass over a state highway under construction, and the commission shall then cause to be erected the following sign at either end of the construction work: "State road under construction. Pass at your own risk. Maine State Highway Commission." Upon completion of the state highway the commission shall cause the immediate removal of all such signs as also all detour signs. In all state and state aid highway construction and maintenance, the commission shall have the powers of municipal officers conferred by section 26 of chapter 25 relating to construction and maintenance of ditches and drains, and the powers conferred upon municipal officers and road commissioners by section 106 of chapter 27. The commission shall whenever practicable give preference in employment to the inhabitants of the town in which such highways are located.'