

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 494

S. P. 277

In Senate, February 11, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Laughlin of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Outdoor Advertising.

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

P. L., 1935, c. 163, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 163 of the public laws of 1935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 6. Limitation on granting of permits. No permit shall be granted for the erection, construction or maintenance of any outdoor advertising structure, device or display within a distance of 300 feet of the intersection or junction of a highway with another highway, or with a railway or street railway, at a point where it would obstruct or interfere with a view of a train, street car or other vehicle on the intersecting or joining highway, railroad or a street railway; or within 300 feet of any public park, reservation, public forest, public playground, school, church or cemetery and in public view therefrom; or within 50 feet from the nearer line of traveled way of a public highway and in public view therefrom; or on any public highway, park or other public property; **or which advertises any intoxicating liquor or liquors;** or which in the judgment of the commission is or would be injurious to property in the vicinity thereof, or injuriously affect any public interest, or endanger the safety

of persons using any highway; or in a place wherein the erection, construction or maintenance thereof is or shall be prohibited by any municipal ordinance or regulation; or upon real property owned by or leased to a person other than the applicant, except with the written consent of such owner or lessee filed with the commission; or whose area shall exceed 900 square feet; or which, in whole or in part, in its operation shall move or simulate motion, or which is or shall be painted upon or annexed to any rock or tree within the prohibited area. No permit shall be granted or renewed for further maintenance of any billboard, sign or other advertising device unless the front, back, braces, anchors and lattice work thereof are kept in proper condition. Each person, firm or corporation maintaining any structures, devices or displays which are now located within 50 feet from the nearer line of the traveled way of a public highway and in public view therefrom shall relocate said structures, devices or displays in accordance with the provisions of this section; at least 30% of said structures, devices or displays shall be relocated each year and all of said structures, devices or displays shall be relocated within 3 years and 6 months from the effective date of this act.