

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 301

In Senate, February 11, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Laughlin of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to the General Highway Fund and Defining Highway.**

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

**Sec. 1. Highway defined.** Every road, street, avenue and way used for vehicular traffic both within and without the limits of incorporated towns and cities is a highway within the provisions of the laws of the state relating to highways.

**Sec. 2. Highways to be classified.** The state highway commission shall cause charts and maps to be made showing the location and mileage of all highways in the state and shall classify the highways of the state into 4 general classes, and may, from time to time, amend such classification, namely; (1) highways in incorporated cities and towns; (2) state highways which shall mean a system of connected main highways throughout the state; (3) state aid highways which shall mean such highways not included in an incorporated city or town and not included in the system of state highways, as shall be thoroughfares between principal settlements or between settlements and their market or shipping point, and, in so far as practicable, feeders to the state highways; (4) third class highways, which shall mean all other highways not included in the 3 classes above mentioned.

**Sec. 3. Apportionment of the general highway fund.** Twenty per cent of the general highway fund created and existing under the provisions of the laws of the state shall be set apart and apportioned to the incorporated cities and towns of the state for the construction, care and maintenance of the highways of such incorporated cities and towns;  $\frac{1}{2}$  of said amount so set apart and allocated, as provided herein shall be apportioned on the basis of mileage, and each city and town shall receive such proportion of said amount as the total mileage of the highways in such city or town bears to the total highway mileage of the state; and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of said amount shall be apportioned on the basis of the number of licensed motor vehicles and each city and town shall receive such proportion of said amount as the total number of licensed motor vehicles of such city or town bears to the total number of licensed motor vehicles in the state.

**Sec. 4. Apportionment by state highway commission; payment.** The segregation and apportionment of the said 20% of the general highway fund shall be made by the state highway commission and the amount apportioned to each city and town shall be paid from time to time by the commission to the treasurer of each city and town respectively.

**Sec. 5. Section repealed.** Section 5 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

**Sec. 6. Conflicting acts repealed.** All acts and parts of acts in conflict with any of the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.