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House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Goss of Poland.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Regulating the Speed of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 52, amended. Section 52 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

‘Sec. 52. Rate of speed of commercial vehicles. No commercial vehicle equipped with pneumatic tires shall be operated on open country ways at a rate of speed ~~exceeding 35 miles per hour, or per hour in violation of the following limitations:~~ in case of such vehicle weighing 2 tons or less, not over 40 miles; in case of such vehicle weighing between 2 tons and not over 5 tons, not over 35 miles; and in case of such vehicle weighing 5 tons and over, not over 30 miles; nor within the compact built-up portions of any city, town, or village at a rate of speed exceeding 12 miles per hour; said ways and built-up portions being defined in section 69. Nor shall any commercial vehicle equipped with 2 or more solid tires be operated on said open country ways at a rate of speed exceeding 15 miles per hour, or within said compact built-up portions at a rate of speed exceeding 10 miles per hour.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 69, amended. Subsection lettered (a), and the first line of subdivision numbered 6 of subsection lettered (b), of section

69 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, are hereby amended to read as follows:

'(a) Any person driving a vehicle on a way shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway and of any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a way at such a speed as to endanger any person or property. No passenger bus having a seating capacity of more than 7 passengers shall be driven or operated at a rate of speed in excess of ~~45~~ 50 miles per hour.'

'6. ~~Thirty five~~ **Fifty** miles an hour under all other conditions.'