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Reported by Mr. Paul from Committee on Motor Vehicles and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Marshall of Auburn.

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 Operation of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 5. Vehicles shall keep to the right boundary of way. A person in control of any vehicle moving slowly along a way shall keep said vehicle as closely as practicable to the right-hand boundary of the way, allowing more swiftly moving vehicles reasonably free passage to the left. **Any person operating a motor vehicle shall not pass or attempt to pass any motor vehicle proceeding in the same direction between points on a highway where temporary warning signs are placed indicating that persons are working on said highway.**

Operators of motor vehicles approaching each other from opposite directions on the highway shall keep said motor vehicle to the right of the center line of the highway.

All motor vehicles shall proceed on the right-hand side of the highway at all times except on one-way streets or while passing other vehicles or obstructions.

No person shall walk in any highway where there are sidewalks or paths provided for the use of pedestrians, and on highways where no such sidewalks or paths are provided, or are obstructed by snow or other obstructions, pedestrians shall walk only on the extreme left side of the highway facing approaching traffic.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 71, amended. Section 71 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

'Sec. 71. Overtaking vehicle not to pass another under certain conditions. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not overtake and pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, upon the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the way, where the driver's view along the way is obstructed within a distance of 500 feet. The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction at any steam or electric railway grade crossing nor at any intersection of ways, unless permitted to do so by a traffic or police officer.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 29, § 73, amended. Section 73 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

'Sec. 73. Vehicles shall travel reasonable distance apart. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to speed, traffic, and the condition of the highway. The driver of any motor bus, motor truck, or other commercial motor vehicle when traveling upon a way outside of a business or residence district, shall not follow another such vehicle within 300 feet, but this shall not be construed to prevent such motor vehicle overtaking and passing another.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 29, additional. Chapter 29 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding after sections 79 thereof the following section to be numbered 79-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 79-A. Clinging to or hitching to moving vehicles. No person shall cling to or ride on the outside or rear end of any vehicle except a police car, ambulance or fire fighting equipment and no person on a bicycle, roller skates, sled or similar device, shall hold fast to or hitch on to any moving vehicle.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 29, § 82, amended. Section 82 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'Every bicycle when in use at night shall show a light or reflector visible

in both directions with a white light or reflector to the front and a red light or reflector to the rear and no person shall ride a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet; except that no bicycle shall be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. No person riding a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handle bars.'