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In Senate, April 13, 1939.

Reported by Senator Friend of Somerset from Committee on Ways and Bridges and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Certain Trunk Line Highways.

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

Sec. 1. State highway commission may lay out and construct parkways and freeways. The governor and council, with the special authorization of the legislature may direct the state highways commission to lay out and construct any state highway as a parkway or a freeway road.

Sec. 2. Term "parkway," defined. Under the provisions of this act a parkway shall be any trunk line highway receiving special treatment in landscaping and marginal planting, and which shall be especially designed for and devoted exclusively to the use and accommodation of non-commercial motor vehicle traffic, and to which access may be allowed only at highway intersections designated by the state highway commission and designed by it so as to eliminate cross traffic of vehicles.

Sec. 3. Term "freeway," defined. Under the provisions of this act, a freeway shall be any trunk line highway which shall be designed to separate through-high-speed non-commercial motor vehicle traffic from commercial, and slow-speed and local non-commercial vehicular traffic by the use of independent traffic lanes; and which shall be designed to restrict the cross traffic of vehicles.

Sec. 4. Service roads may be laid out and constructed. As an adjunct of any parkway or freeway the state highway commission is authorized to lay out and construct roads or drives, hereby designated as service roads, to provide access from areas adjacent to a parkway or freeway, and to provide for the restriction or elimination of cross traffic on such parkway or freeway, whenever it, in its discretion, shall deem the same to be necessary in the public interest, by the construction of under-passes and over-passes.

Sec. 5. Land and rights in land may be purchased or taken. The state highway commission is authorized to purchase or take any land or rights in land necessary or required for the lay out, alteration, extension, widening, change of grade or improvement of such parkways, freeways or service roads in the same manner and pursuant to the provisions of the statutes relating to state and state aid highways. All provisions of the statutes relating to state and state aid highways and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall apply to such parkways, freeways or service roads.