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House of Representatives, February 4, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and sent up for concurrence. 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Megill by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Licenses and Permits for Outdoor Advertising.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1935, c. 163, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 163 of the public laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 217 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 3. Fees. The fees for such permits shall be \$1 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which does not exceed ~~100~~ 50 square feet, and \$2 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which exceeds ~~100~~ 50 square feet but does not exceed ~~300~~ 100 square feet, and \$3 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which exceeds ~~300~~ 100 square feet but does not exceed ~~400~~ 200 square feet, and \$4 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which exceeds ~~400~~ 200 square feet but does not exceed ~~600~~ 300 square feet, and \$5 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which exceeds ~~600~~ 300 square feet but does not exceed ~~900~~ 400 square feet, and \$6 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which exceeds 400 square feet but does not exceed 500 square feet, and \$7 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which exceeds 500 square feet but does not exceed 600 square feet, and \$8 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which exceeds 600 square feet but does not exceed 700 square feet, and \$9 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which exceeds 700 square feet but does not exceed 800

square feet, and \$10 for each panel, bulletin or sign the area of which exceeds 800 square feet but does not exceed 900 square feet. The area of a panel, bulletin or sign shall include all finish mouldings but not lattice work used only for ornamental purposes. A fee shall be paid for each side of each panel, bulletin or sign used or intended to be used for advertising, and each panel, bulletin or sign of a series shall require a permit and the payment of a separate permit fee. All fees for such permits shall be payable annually in advance.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1935, c. 163, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 163 of the public laws of 1935, as amended by section 2 of chapter 179 of the public laws of 1939, is hereby further 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 the view of a train, street car or other vehicle on the intersecting or joining highway, railroad or 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 the traveled way of a public highway and in public view therefrom **except within a compact section of a town or city**; or on any public highway, park or other public property; 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 consent of such owner or lessee; 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 the 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.'

Sec. 3. P. L., 1935, c. 163, § 11, amended. Section 11 of chapter 163 of the public laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 144 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 11. Limitation. ~~These regulations shall not apply to outdoor~~

~~advertising in the compact or built up section of any town or city but such advertising is subject to regulation by town or city by laws or ordinances. "Compact" defined.~~ The compact or built up section of any town or city shall be the territory thereof contiguous to any way which is built up with buildings devoted to business or where the dwelling houses are situated less than 150 feet apart for a distance of at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile.'