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S. P. 153

In Senate, January 27, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Dunbar of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Highway Bridges.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 22, amended. Section 22 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 22. Special restrictions relating to heavy objects passing over bridges. Notwithstanding any loads authorized in this chapter upon any bridge, officials **or corporations** charged with the repair and maintenance thereof may limit the load permitted on any bridge to such weight as they deem necessary for the safety of life or property, or the maintenance of such bridge. Upon the failure or neglect of **such** local officials **or corporations** to prescribe such weights for any bridge, the state highway commission may fix such limit of weight as it deems proper. Such regulations shall be in effect when notice thereof is conspicuously posted at each end of the bridge affected.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Penalties for violating 5 preceding sections; bond may be required for permits. Whoever as owner, driver, operator or mover of any engine, team, vehicle, or contrivance mentioned in the 5 preceding sections

violates any provision of said sections or the regulations made or permits granted under authority thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$500 for each offense; and he shall also be responsible for all damage which said way or bridge may sustain as a result thereof, and the amount may be recovered in an action on the case brought by the municipality, **or other corporation**, when any way or bridge is injured which is under the care of said municipality **or other corporation**; by the county commissioners in behalf of any unincorporated township injured, and by the state when any state or state aid way or bridge is injured; and shall be used for the repair of the ways and bridges so injured. Highway officials in granting permits under the preceding sections may require from owners or operators a bond satisfactory to them running to the state or the municipal **or other** corporation affected, conditioned to reimburse it for any expenses necessarily incurred in repairing all damage caused to the way or bridge by the use thereon of such vehicle, load, contrivance, or other object.'

Sec. 3. R. S. c. 29, § 26, amended. Section 26 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 26. Appeal may be taken to state highway commission from decision of local highway officers. An appeal in writing may be taken from any order or decision of local highway officials made under the provisions of sections 19 to 25 inclusive, to the state highway commission, and the state highway commission may hear and decide the matter in a summary manner, modifying, affirming, or vacating the action of such officials and may issue any order necessary to carry its decision into effect. No appeal shall suspend the order or decision of said highway officials, pending the decision of the state highway commission. **An appeal may be taken in like manner to the public utilities commission from any action by a railroad corporation under the provisions of section 22 in respect of any highway bridge maintained by such corporation and said commission, after notice and hearing thereon, may confirm or modify such action.'**