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House of Representatives, February 7, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Peirce of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Permitting the Highway Commission to Provide for Proper
Traffic Control Signals, etc.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20, amended. Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 8-A and to read as follows:

‘Sec. 8-A. Certain provisions for traffic direction and control. The state highway commission may make and shall enforce rules and regulations relating to the installation and maintenance of traffic control signals, devices, signs and markings on all state, state aid and federal-aid highways. The commission may be consulted by and shall without charge advise municipal officers and road commissioners on the subject of traffic control.

The commission shall have authority to install and maintain traffic control signals, warning, regulatory, directional and informational signs, and markings, on all state and state aid highways, and highways constructed under its direction with federal funds, when, in its opinion, such signs, signals and markings are necessary for public safety and convenience.

On and after the effective date of this act on all designated state and state aid highways, the location, form, and character of informational, di-

rectional, regulatory and warning signs and traffic control signals and devices, erected by towns, shall be subject to approval of the commission.

On any highway or street hereafter constructed with federal aid in any town, the location, form, and character of informational, directional, regulatory, and warning signs, curb and pavement or other markings, and traffic signals, installed or placed by any public authority, or other agency, shall be subject to the approval of the commission with the concurrence of the public roads administration.

The commission is authorized and directed to establish a system of numbering all classes of highways which, in its opinion, is necessary for public convenience, and to publish maps from time to time showing the highways so numbered.

On all designated state and state aid highways the commission may prohibit other than one-way traffic when in its opinion such prohibition is necessary for public safety.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 110, amended. Section 110 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 110. Municipalities may not alter speed limitations; may enact ordinances to regulate traffic by signal devices; may regulate speed in parks. Municipalities shall have no power to alter any speed limitations or to enact or enforce any regulations contrary to the provisions of this chapter; except that they may by ordinances or by-laws regulate traffic by means of signal devices or other appropriate methods on any portion of the way where traffic is heavy or continuous, and prohibit other than one-way traffic upon certain ways, **subject, however, to the provisions of section 8-A of chapter 20.** The speed of vehicles in public parks may be regulated in like manner provided there shall be erected at all entrances to such parks adequate signs giving notice of any such special speed regulations.'