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House of Representatives, January 29, 1947.

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. MacPherson of Easton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Instruction in Accident Prevention in the Public
Schools.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, §§ 32-A--32-D, additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 32-A to 32-D, inclusive, to read as follows:

Sec. 32-A. Public safety and accident prevention to be taught. Instruction must be given in every elementary and secondary school in the state in the subjects of public safety and accident prevention primarily devoted to avoidance of the hazards upon streets and highways.

Sec. 32-B. Rules and regulations to be adopted; manual to be issued. It shall be the duty of the commissioner:

I. To adopt such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary and proper to secure instruction in public safety and accident prevention in the elementary and secondary schools of this state in accordance with the provisions of sections 32-A to 32-D, inclusive;

II. To compile or cause to be compiled and printed a manual in public safety and accident prevention, primarily devoted to avoidance of hazards incident to the use of the streets and highways for distribution to

teachers in the public elementary and secondary schools of this state.

Sec. 32-C. Course in public safety for teachers. The state department of education in standardizing the courses of instruction offered in the state normal schools and state teachers' colleges shall prepare a course in public safety and shall make the completion of such course a requirement for graduation.

Sec. 32-D. Duty of commissioner and other school officials. It shall be the duty of the commissioner to make arrangements for carrying out the provisions of sections 32-A to 32-D, inclusive, and it shall be the duty of the superintendent of schools of every city and town, and of every board of education, board of trustees or municipal school board to require that instruction in public safety be given in the schools under their jurisdiction or control, as provided in said sections.'