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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Permits for Outdoor Advertising.**

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

**R. S., c. 20, § 116, amended.** Section 116 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 116. 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 a 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~~ a distance of less than 1 foot from the nearer line of the travelled way for each square foot of display area ; or within 500 feet of any other structure, device or display already licensed under the provisions of this section ; 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 in the protection and conserva-

**tion of the natural beauty of the landscape**, 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.'