

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Parker of Sebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Clarifying the Definition of "Compact" in the Highway Laws.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:

**'As used in this chapter, and all amendments and additions thereto, the words "compact or built up section" shall mean a section of the highway where buildings are nearer than 200 feet apart for a distance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile.'**

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 20, § 46, amended.** The last paragraph of section 46 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The maintenance provisions of sections 43, 45, 46, 58, 59, 61 and 66 shall not apply to those **compact or built up** sections of state highway ~~where houses are nearer than 200 feet apart for a distance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile~~ in cities or towns whose population according to the last U. S. census exceeds 5,000 inhabitants, except as hereinafter provided for maintenance of secondary federal aid projects, and the snow removal provisions shall not

apply to those **compact or built up** sections of state highway ~~where houses are nearer than 200 feet apart for a distance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile~~ in cities or towns whose population according to the last U. S. census exceeds 2,000 inhabitants.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 20, § 47, amended.** Section 47 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 47. Secondary federal aid projects on state highways to be maintained.** Secondary federal aid projects constructed on the state highway system with funds provided under the provisions of section 7 of the federal act approved June 16, 1936 (Public No. 686-74th Congress), and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, shall be maintained by the state highway commission under the same provisions and conditions stated in section 43 for the maintenance of improved state highways; provided, however, that, with the exception of snow removal, the provisions and requirements of section 46 shall also apply to secondary federal aid projects constructed on designated state highways within the **compact or built up** sections of all towns regardless of population.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 20, § 49, amended.** Section 49 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 49. Towns to maintain state highways in compact or built up sections; procedure when towns fail to maintain.** Except as otherwise provided, all state highways within compact ~~portions~~ **or built up sections** of towns having a population of 5,000 and over, as determined by the commission, shall be maintained in good repair by the town wherein the same are located at the expense of the town and whenever any town shall neglect so to maintain within 14 days after notice given its municipal officers by the commission, the commission may proceed to make necessary repairs to such way, which shall be paid for by the state and the cost thereof shall be collected and paid as provided in section 31; and the amounts so collected from such towns shall be added to the fund for maintenance of state and state aid highways. The commission may in respect thereto grant such towns such financial assistance as it deems advisable.'

**Sec. 5. R. S., c. 20, § 64, amended.** Section 64 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 64. Towns not to be reimbursed for snow removal in compact or built up sections.** The state shall not grant reimbursement to towns for the removal of snow as provided in sections 58 to 66 upon highways or town ways ~~where the houses are less than 200 feet apart for a distance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile or more~~ in **compact or built up sections.**'