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H. P. 1341

House of Representatives, February 23, 1951.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jacoby of Dixmont.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Designation of Through Ways by Highway
Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 78, amended. Section 78 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 78. Highway commission may designate "through ways"; limitations; penalty. For the purposes of this section, the state highway commission may from time to time designate certain state and state aid highways and county and town ways connecting such state and state aid highways as "through ways," and may after notice revoke any such designation; provided, however, that within the compact or built up portion of any city, town or village as defined in section 102 such designation of through ways shall be made by the state highway commission only with the approval of the municipal officers thereof, and further provided that the state highway commission after notice shall revoke such designation upon the petition of the said municipal officers. The municipal officers of any city, village or town may designate certain other ways under their jurisdiction as "through ways" and may after notice revoke such designa-

tion. No such designation of a through way shall become effective as to regulation of traffic at such a point of intersection until said commission or **municipal officers** shall have caused suitable warning signs or signals to be erected at or near such point. Such signs and signals shall be prima facie evidence that said signs and signals were erected in accordance with the provisions of this section. For the purposes of this section, a way joining a through way at an angle, whether or not it crosses the same, shall be deemed to intersect it, and the word "way," unless the context otherwise requires, shall include a through or other way. The state highway commission or **municipal officers** may also designate any intersection **under their respective jurisdictions** as a stop intersection and erect stop signs at one or more entrances. The same rules and penalties shall apply in regard to these stop signs as are in effect for stop signs at "through ways."

Any person who violates the provisions of this section, and any person who removes, destroys, damages or defaces any sign or signal erected by or under the direction of the state highway commission as herein provided shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50, or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Sec. 2. Validating clause. All "stop signs," so called, installed as of January 1, 1951 are hereby validated and declared to be erected under the provisions of section 78.

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 19, § 102, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 102 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof.