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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Display of Unauthorized Signs upon or in View of
Highways.**

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

R. S., c. 20, 123, additional. Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 123, to read as follows:

'Sec. 123. Display of unauthorized signs, signals or markings. No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or so interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal as to endanger the public, and no person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising. This shall not be deemed to prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent to highways of signs giving useful directional information or promoting highway safety and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official signs.

Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the authority having jurisdiction over the highway may order the same removed and if not removed within 48 hours after receipt of the notice, is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed.'