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House of Representatives, March 3, 1953.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cianchette of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Moving Heavy Objects and Loads Over Highways.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 89, amended. Section 89 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 5 of chapter 348 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 89. Permits for moving heavy objects over ways and bridges; jurisdiction; permits limited. Jurisdiction is vested in the state highway commission to grant emergency permits upon proper application in writing to move objects having a length or width or height or weight greater than specified in this chapter over any way or bridge upon which the money of the state has been expended or over which said commission has assumed control **maintained by the state highway commission**; and like permits may be granted by county commissioners, municipal officers, superintendents of streets, or other road officials having charge of the repair and maintenance of any other way or bridge. The fee for such permits shall be not less than \$2, nor more than \$10, to be determined, on the basis of weight, height, **length** and width, by the state highway commission.

Said permits shall be issued to cover the emergency or purpose stated in the application and shall be limited as to the particular objects to be

moved and the particular ways and bridges which may be used, but permits for stated periods of time may be issued for loans and suitable equipment employed upon private construction or private ways when such loans or equipment are operated within construction areas established by the commission.

Permits must also be procured from the municipal officers of any town or city, in case the construction area encompasses said town or city. Said permits shall further provide that the contractor be responsible for damage to any roads and a bond in an amount satisfactory to the state to cover any damages which may be caused by the contractor by the use of said equipment shall be furnished by the contractor. Said permits may be granted by the state highway commission or by the engineer in charge of the construction contract, and no further approval by the state highway commission shall be deemed necessary.

The permit for construction areas shall carry no fee and shall not come within the scope of the first paragraph of this section.

Provided, however, that the state highway commission, in respect to state and state aid highways and bridges within city or compact village limits, and municipal officers in respect to all other ways and bridges within such city and compact village limits, may grant permits to operate vehicles having a gross weight exceeding the limit of gross weight in this chapter prescribed, and all such permits may contain any special conditions or provisions which in the opinion of the grantors are necessary.'