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H. P. 109

House of Representatives, January 20, 1955.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Checking Speed of Motor Vehicles by Electrical Devices.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 113-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 113-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 113-A. Speed checked by radiomicro waves or other electrical devices. The speed of any motor vehicle may be checked by the use of radiomicro waves or other electrical device. The results of such checks shall be accepted as prima facie evidence of the speed of such motor vehicle in any court or legal proceedings where the speed of the motor vehicle is at issue.

The driver of any such motor vehicle may be arrested without a warrant under this section provided the arresting officer is in uniform or displays his badge of authority; provided that such officer has observed the recording of the speed of such motor vehicle by the radiomicro waves or other electrical device, or has received a radio message from the officer who observed the speed of the motor vehicle recorded by the radiomicro waves or other electrical device; provided in case of an arrest based on such a message that such radio message has been dispatched immediately after the speed of the motor vehicle was recorded and furnished the license number of the vehicle and the recorded speed to the arresting officer.

No operator of a motor vehicle may be arrested under this section unless signs have been placed at the State line on the primary highway system, and outside cities and towns having over 3,500 population, on the primary highways to indi-

cate the legal rate of speed of motor vehicles may be measured by radiomicro waves or other electrical devices.

Nothing herein shall affect the powers of cities or towns to adopt and use such devices to measure speed.'