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S. P. 484

In Senate, March 26, 1957

Referred to the Committee on Highways, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cole of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Outdoor Advertising Near Controlled Access Roads.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, §§ 142-A - 142-B, additional. Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 142-A and 142-B, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 142-A. Statement of legislative findings and purpose. The unrestricted and unregulated erection and maintenance of advertising devices adjacent to controlled access highways would create conditions which are inimical to the public interest, interfere with the safety, comfort, security and welfare of the people of this State and mar the natural beauty of areas adjacent to controlled access highways. In order to prevent such conditions the Legislature hereby determines that the enactment of section 142-B is necessary.

Sec. 142-B. Regulation of signs on controlled access highways. No outdoor advertising structure, device or display shall be erected, constructed or maintained within 750 feet of the nearest right of way boundary line of any controlled access highway, including the highways maintained by the “Maine Turnpike Authority” without a written permit therefor from the Commission.

The Commission may from time to time adopt, modify, amend or repeal regulations governing the issuance of such permits or renewals thereof with particular attention to conditions that, in its opinion, would be inimical to the public interest, or interfere with the safety, comfort, security or welfare of the people of this State or mar the natural beauty of the areas adjacent to the controlled access highway, and may make special regulations to cover unusual individual cases.

The provisions of this section are additional to such provisions of sections 138 to 148, inclusive, that require a permit from the Commission, and shall not be construed to limit the powers of the Commission to issue or refuse to issue permits under the provisions of such sections.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 23, § 146, amended. Section 146 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 279 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended by inserting after the 3rd sentence thereof, a new sentence, as follows:

'Temporary signs or posters for political or agricultural purposes shall not be displayed within 750 feet of the nearest boundary line of any controlled access highway.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 23, § 149, repealed. Section 149 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 230 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby repealed.