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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Operation of Bicycles.

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

R. S., c. 22, §§ 147-A - 147-C, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 147-A to 147-C, inclusive, to read as follows:

‘Operation of bicycles.

Sec. 147-A. Regulations. Every person propelling a bicycle shall ride said bicycle as far as practicable to the right side of the roadway at all times except when making a left turn.

A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a regular and permanent seat attached thereto. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any moving vehicle upon a way.

Sec. 147-B. Equipment on bicycles. Every bicycle when in use in the night-time shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall omit a white light visible from a distance of at least 200 feet to the front and with a red reflector to the rear which shall be visible at least 50 feet to the rear. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which shall enable the operator to stop the bicycle within a reasonable distance.

Sec. 147-C. Parent responsibility. Any parent or guardian who knowingly permits a child or ward under the age of 17 years to violate any of the provisions of sections 147-A to 147-B shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not

more than \$10. Any person over the age of 17 years who violates any of the provisions of sections 147-A to 147-B shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10. The chief of police of any municipality, or where there is no chief of police, the chairman of the board of selectmen, when satisfied that a juvenile under the age of 17 years has ridden a bicycle in violation of any of the provisions of sections 147-A and 147-B, may impound the bicycle for a period not to exceed 5 days for the first offense, for a period not to exceed 10 days for a second offense and for a period not to exceed 30 days for any subsequent offense.

SECTION 147-A

SECTION 147-B