

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

At its Session, held in January, 1833.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 28, 1820.

AUGUSTA :

I. BERRY & CO. PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1833.

Chapter 53.

AN ACT for the preservation of Bridges.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the proprietors of every bridge in this State are hereby authorized to prohibit any person from riding or driving any horse at a pace faster than a walk over such bridge.

Proprietors of bridges may prohibit persons from riding over them at a faster pace than a walk.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Selectmen of any town in this State are hereby authorized to prohibit any person from riding or driving as aforesaid, over any bridge covered with plank for the length of fifty feet: such bridge being part of a highway or town way, within the limits of such town.

Authority given to Selectmen for the protection of bridges covered with plank.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That any person wilfully violating the provisions of this act, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five Dollars, at the discretion of the Court; to be recovered in an action of debt, by the proprietors of such bridge or the inhabitants of such town: *Provided,* That a board, containing a notice of the liability to such penalty, legibly painted, shall be kept exposed in a conspicuous station at each end of such bridge—and *Provided* That no person shall be liable to a penalty under this act for riding or driving as aforesaid at any time after sunset and before sunrise, unless he shall have been expressly notified of his liability to such penalty by the toll gatherer or person taking toll, or by some person expressly authorized to give such notice by the proprietors of such bridge or Selectmen of such town.

Penalty for violating the provisions of this Act—How to be recovered.

Provisos.

[Approved by the Governor, February 20, 1833.]