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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS

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for attendance at or service in any court. The provisions of this section as to compensation of sheriffs and their deputies, and the provisions of section five of chapter one hundred and seventeen shall not apply to the sheriff of Cumberland county, and his deputies acting under the provisions of this section.'

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—certain provisions do not apply to sheriff of Cumberland county.

Approved April 9, 1913.

### Chapter 188.

An Act to Provide for the Preservation of Highways and Bridges.

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

Section 1. No traction engine, trailer, motor or other vehicle shall be operated upon or over a highway or bridge in this state, nor shall any object be moved over or upon a highway or bridge, upon wheels, rollers or otherwise, in excess of a total weight of nine tons, including vehicle, object or contrivance and load, without first obtaining a permit, mentioned in section three of this act, from the authority or authorities in charge of the maintenance or care of said highway or bridge; nor shall any vehicle be operated or contrivance moved upon or over said highways or bridges which has any flange, rib, clamp or other object attached to its wheels or made a part thereof, which will injure, cut into or destroy the surface of the highway or bridge, nor shall any such engine, vehicle, object or contrivance for moving heavy loads be operated or moved upon or over any highway or bridge the weight of which exceeds eight hundred pounds upon any inch in width of the tire, roller, wheel or other object without first obtaining said permit. The owner, driver, operator or mover of any such engine, vehicle, object or contrivance over said highway or bridge shall, unless relieved from liability in said permit, be responsible for all damage which said highway or bridge may sustain as a result of said action on his part, and the amount thereof may be recovered in an action on the case by the city, town or plantation, or in behalf of any unorganized township, by the county where the injury is done.

Weight of vehicle, etc., limited to nine tons.

—without a permit.

—wheels shall not have ribs, etc., which will injure surfaces.

—owners of vehicles liable for damages.

Section 2. No steam traction engine, with or without trailers, and no motor truck carrying a weight in excess of four tons, including the vehicle, shall be operated upon any highway or bridge at a rate of speed greater than fifteen miles an hour; and no such vehicle carrying a weight in excess of six tons, including the vehicle, shall be operated upon any highway or bridge at a rate of speed greater than six miles an hour when such vehicle is equipped with tires of hard rubber or other similar substance.

Rate of speed for heavy vehicles regulated.

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Permits, from whom obtained.

—speed on bridges may be limited.

Penalty for violation of this act.

Section 3. The Maine highway board, county commissioners, superintendents of streets, selectmen or road authorities having charge of the repair and maintenance of any highway or bridge in any of the cities or towns in the state, are hereby authorized, upon proper application in writing, to grant permits for the moving of heavy vehicles, loads, objects or structures over said highways and bridges, which permits, when duly granted, shall authorize such movement. Said permits may be general or may be limited as to the time and the particular roads and bridges which may be used, and may contain any special conditions or provisions which in the opinion of the authorities granting the same are necessary for the protection of said highways or bridges from injury. The authorities having charge of any such bridge are hereby authorized to make regulations limiting the rate of speed of any of the vehicles mentioned in this act passing over said bridge to a rate of speed not to exceed six miles an hour, provided notice is conspicuously posted at each end of the bridge affected by such regulation.

Section 4. Any person violating the provisions of this act or the regulations made or permits granted under authority thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each and every offense, and said fines shall be paid into the treasury of the city or town when any highway or bridge is injured which is under the care of said city or town, and into the treasury of the county, in behalf of any unorganized township to be used in the repair of highways and bridges within their respective jurisdictions.

Approved April 9, 1913.

Chapter 189.

An Act in Relation to the Safety and Improvement of Highways.

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

Obstructions may be removed from limits of highway at or near railroad crossings.

—state highway department may enter private property to remove trees obstructing view of crossings.

—damages, how assessed.

Section 1. Whenever the state highway department deems that trees, bushes, or other encroachments within the limits of a public way obstruct the view at railroad crossings, or where one public way enters another, and thereby render such way dangerous to travellers, it shall cause the removal of such obstructions. The state highway department may also enter upon private property at such places and from time to time cause the removal of trees and bushes growing thereon and obstructing the view as aforesaid. Any damages sustained by such removal, after due notice given, shall be assessed and awarded by the state highway department and paid in the same manner