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CHAP. 189

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

as prescribed by law in the case of damages by the laying out of highways, and appeals from the findings of the state highway department shall be entered and prosecuted in like manner and be subject to like limitations.

Section 2. Placing turf in the travelled part of any highway, street or town way by any municipality, its employees or contractors is prohibited, unless said turf is cut up fine or covered up. Upon violation of this section the state highway department shall cause to be withheld payment of state money for highways to such municipality until such turf is removed at the expense of the municipality and the way restored to the satisfaction of the state highway department.

Placing of turf in streets, etc., regulated.

Section 3. No advertising signs shall be erected or maintained within five hundred feet of crossings of highways or within five hundred feet of where one public way enters another within the limits of such ways. The state highway department shall cause any signs so erected to be removed at the expense of the person erecting or maintaining the same, to be recovered in an action on the case. Such person shall also be subject to fine not exceeding fifty dollars to be paid to the treasurer of state and credited to the highway fund. The state highway department shall cause the provisions of sections ninety-one and ninety-two of chapter twenty-three of the revised statutes to be enforced on all state and state aid roads.

Advertising signs shall not be within 500 feet of crossings of highways.

—penalty.

Approved April 9, 1913.

Chapter 190.

An Act in Relation to the Assessment and Collection of Inheritance Taxes.

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

Section 1. Section eighty-nine of chapter eight of the revised statutes as enacted by chapter one hundred eighty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred nine, is hereby amended by adding to said section the following:

‘And where said non-resident decedent has more than one heir or his property is divided among more than one legatee, each heir, or in case of a will, each legatee shall be held to receive such proportion of the property within the jurisdiction of the state of Maine as the amount of all property received by him as such heir or legatee bears to all the property of which said decedent died possessed. The amount of property of the estate of a non-resident which shall be exempt from the payment of an inheritance tax under section seventy of chapter eight of the revised statutes shall be only such proportion of