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**Chapter 177.****CHAP. 177**

An Act to Provide for the Permanent Improvement of Land Within the Limit of Any Highway or Town Way Adjoining Any Land Not Known as Wild Land.

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

Section 1. Each city, town or plantation shall each year set aside five per cent of the money raised and appropriated for ways and bridges to be used in cutting and removing all trees, shrubs and useless fruit trees, bushes and weeds, (except shade trees, timber trees, cared-for fruit trees, and ornamental shrubs) growing between the road limit and the wrought part of any highway or town way until all the trees, shrubs and worthless fruit trees, bushes and weeds, have been once removed from the limits of such highway or town way after which the owner of the land adjoining such highway or town way, shall each year before the first day of October, remove all bushes, weeds, worthless trees and grass from the roadside adjoining his cultivated or mowing fields. The city, town or plantation shall care for all land not included in the above except wild land.

Towns shall set aside five per cent. of annual appropriations for clearing away and beautifying road-sides, until work has been completed.

Section 2. If any owner of such land shall fail to cut and remove said bushes, weeds, worthless trees and grass, on or before October first of each year, the mayor of any city, selectmen of any town, or assessors of any plantation wherein said land may be located, shall cause said bushes, weeds, worthless trees and grass to be cut and removed. The actual expense of such cutting and removal shall be lien upon said land so adjoining said highway or town way, and shall be assessed and collected as a tax thereon.

—owner shall thereafter care for land adjoining roadside before October first each year.

—penalty for failure to comply with law.

—expense shall be lien on land.

Section 3. If any city, town or plantation in the construction or repair of its highways places any stone, sods or other material upon land within the limit of any highway which the owner has cleared from stone and smoothed so that it is tillable land and so used, said city, town or plantation shall within thirty days remove the same from such land. Failing to do this the owner of said land may remove such stone, sods or other material therefrom and be paid the same price per hour for such removal as is paid by said city, town or plantation for labor in the construction and repair of its roads.

Towns shall not place materials on lands beside of the roads without clearing away of same.

Owner may remove at expense of town.

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