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Chapter 143.

An Act to Provide for State Aid to Towns in the Maintenance and Repair of Bridges.

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

1915, c. 319, § 6; relating to maintenance of bridges constructed under the provisions of the “Bridge Law”, amended. Section six of chapter three hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following, namely: ‘In any case in which the cost of maintenance and repair of bridges in any town shall make a tax rate for said town in excess of five mills for any year, the state highway commission may assume such proportion thereof as in its judgment the public interest requires, from any funds available for such purpose,’ so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘**Sec. 6. In case maintenance creates a tax of over five mills, state to assist.** All cost of maintenance of bridges built or rebuilt under the provisions of this act shall be borne by the town or towns in which they are located, apportioned upon the basis of valuation as last made by the board of state assessors where more than one town is involved; provided, however, that in case of neglect or failure by any town or towns to properly maintain any bridges built or rebuilt under the provisions of this act, the state highway commission may order such maintenance work as in its judgment is deemed necessary. If any town or towns fail to obey, within a reasonable time, such order of the state highway commission, then the commission may proceed to do such maintenance work and the amounts payable by said towns, under the provisions of this act, shall be certified by the commission to the state auditor, who, if he finds the amount correct shall certify to the treasurer of state, and unless sooner paid it shall be collected and paid in the same manner as any state tax against such town or towns, with interest at six per centum per annum from the date of the auditor’s certification to the treasurer of state. In any case in which the cost of maintenance and repair of bridges in any town shall make a tax rate for said town in excess of five mills for any year, the state highway commission may assume such proportion thereof as in its judgment the public interest requires from any fund available for such purpose.’

Approved April 6, 1921.

Chapter 144.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-one of Chapter One Hundred and Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, Increasing the Salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 21; relating to the salary of the commissioner of agriculture, amended. Section twenty-one of chapter one hundred