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## STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 187.

An Act to Regulate the Use of Motor Driven and Animal Drawn Vehicles on Highways.

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

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the use of motor driven and animal drawn vehicles upon many of the highways of this state during the coming spring, unless regulated in some manner other than is possible under existing law, is likely to cause serious and irreparable injury to said highways, and

Whereas, legislation to prevent said injury is immediately necessary in the interest of public peace, health and safety, and

Whereas, the foregoing facts in the judgment of this legislature constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of this state, now therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Providing for the prevention of the abuse of the highways by motor driven and horse drawn vehicles during certain seasons of the year.** The state highway commission on state highways and the municipal officers of the several towns, cities and plantations on all other highways within their respective municipalities are hereby authorized to promulgate such reasonable rules and regulations as in their judgment may be necessary to insure the proper use and prevent abuse of all highways by motor driven and animal drawn vehicles during such season of the year as said highways require such special protection. All rules and regulations so promulgated shall be kept on file by said municipal officers and they shall cause attested copies of the same to be posted in two or more public places in their respective municipalities. Such rules and regulations shall also be published one or more times in such newspaper or newspapers as they may determine.

**Sec. 2. Penalty for violation and disposition of money collected as damages.** Any person violating any rule or regulation laid down by said commission or municipal officers under the provisions of the foregoing sections shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offense and in addition thereto shall be liable for all damages to the highway occasioned thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case prosecuted in the cases of state highways, by the state highway commission in the name of the state, and in case of any other highways by the municipal officers of the town, city or plantation in which said highway is located. All such sums so recovered as damages to said state highways shall be credited to the fund for maintenance of state highways, and sums

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recovered as damages for injuries for any other highways, shall be transmitted by the municipal officers to the treasurer of the town, city or plantation and credited to the fund for maintenance to highways.

**Sec. 3. Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency set forth in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 8, 1921.

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## Chapter 188.

An Act to Amend Sections Three and Nine of Chapter Thirty-five of the Revised Statutes, Increasing the Amount Paid by the State for Cattle Condemned.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 35, § 3; relating to the notice, by publication, of existence of disease in animals, quarantine of places and animals and appraisal of animals condemned, amended.** Section three of chapter thirty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "one hundred" in the sixteenth line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words, 'one hundred and fifty,' and by adding at the end of said section the following, to wit: 'In addition to the appraisal value paid to the owner of cattle as above provided, such owner shall also be entitled to the proceeds derived from the sale of any carcass in excess of fifty dollars,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 3. Limit of appraisal value for cattle increased to \$150; owner entitled to proceeds of sale of carcass in excess of \$50.** Upon the discovery of any disease mentioned in the preceding section, the live stock sanitary commissioner shall give notice of the existence and the locality thereof, by publication in such newspapers as he may select, and shall notify in writing the officials or agents of any railroad, steamboat or other transportation company, doing business in or through such infected locality, of the existence of such disease; he shall establish and maintain such quarantine of animals, places, premises or localities, as he may deem necessary to prevent the spread of any such disease; he shall cause the animal or animals affected with the said disease, to be appraised in accordance with the rules and regulations made by him, as hereinafter authorized and provided, and shall cause the same to be destroyed, and a proper disposition of the carcass made, according to the rules and regulations aforesaid; he shall pay to the owner or owners thereof their value, as determined at the time of the appraisal, out of any moneys appropriated by the legislature for that purpose; provided, however, that no appraised value shall be more than one hundred and fifty dollars for cattle, with a pedigree recorded or recordable in the recognized herd books of the