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## Chapter 159.

An Act to Amend Section Six of Chapter Twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred Fifty-eight, Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, and by Chapter Two Hundred Fifteen, Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-one, Relating to Authority in General of the State Highway Commission.

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

R. S., c. 25, sec. 6; P. L., 1917, c. 258; 1921, c. 215; relating to authority in general of state highway commission, amended. Section six of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes as amended by section one of chapter two hundred fifty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by section one of chapter two hundred and fifteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by adding after the words "public highways" in the fifteenth and sixteenth lines of said section the following: 'bridges and other structures,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 6. Commission may advise municipal officers relating to construction of bridges and other structures. The commission may from time to time make and shall enforce rules and regulations relating to construction and maintenance of all state and state aid highways and relating to the manner of conducting all investigations and hearings and the administration of its office, powers and duties, subject to the provisions of this chapter; and shall, with the approval of the governor and council, direct the expenditure of all moneys for construction and maintenance of all state and state-aid highways. The commission may from time to time purchase, lease or hire all machinery, tools, implements and property necessary for highway engineering and construction and for the administration and execution of its duties, and may contract for such labor, materials and property as it may deem necessary for the examination, building and construction of state and state aid highways. The commission may be consulted by and shall without charge advise municipal officers and road commissioners on the subject of construction and maintenance of public highways, bridges and other structures. On all state and state aid highways all guide posts shall be of such reasonable form, height and design as the commission shall designate. Whenever it becomes necessary to close a state highway to travel on account of construction, before such state highway is closed the commission shall establish the most practical detour road around the state highway to be constructed, have the same properly signed at all intersecting roads or streets indicating the principal town or city in either direction and cause the detour road to be put in proper condition to withstand the travel and maintained in such condition until the state highway being constructed is open to travel. If the commission neglects to so sign, establish or maintain such detour road the same shall be done

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by order of the governor and council. Whenever practicable the travel shall be permitted to pass over a state highway under construction and the commission shall then cause to be erected the following sign at either end of the construction work: "State road under construction. Pass at your risk. Maine State Highway Commission." Upon completion of the state highway the commission shall cause the immediate removal of all such signs as also all detour signs. In all state and state aid highway construction and maintenance the commission shall have the powers of municipal officers conferred by section twenty-six of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes relating to construction and maintenance of ditches and drains, and the powers conferred upon municipal officers and road commissioners by section one hundred and four of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes as hereby amended. The commission shall whenever practicable give preference in employment to the inhabitants of the town in which such highways are located.'

Approved April 4, 1923.

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## Chapter 160.

An Act Additional to and Amendatory of Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Eighty-eight, Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, Relating to Transfer of Insane or Feeble Minded Inmates.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1917, c. 88, sec. 15; relating to commitments of insane inmates of reformatory for women to school for feeble-minded, amended. Section fifteen of chapter eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "woman" in the second line the words 'a man committed to the reformatory for men; a girl committed to the state school for girls or a boy committed to the state school for boys'; by inserting after the word "she" in the third line the words 'or he'; by striking out the word "reformatory" in two places in the fifth line and inserting in place thereof the word 'institutional'; by striking out the word "woman" in two places in the seventh line and inserting in place thereof the word 'person'; by striking out the words "Western Somerset" in the tenth line; by inserting after the word "court" in the tenth line the words 'having jurisdiction of offenses in the town where such institution is located'; by striking out the words "in the county of Somerset" in the tenth and eleventh lines; by striking out the word "woman" in the twelfth line and inserting in place thereof the word 'person,' and by inserting after the word "her" in the thirteenth line the words 'or his,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 15. Provisions extended so as to include inmates of reformatory