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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Eighty-fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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adding thereto the following sections, which shall be designated as section nine and section ten:

**'Sec. 9. Commission shall make rental price for equipment; motor driven equipment.** The state highway commission each season shall make a rental price per hour for all snow removal motor equipment which shall be approved by them as being adequate and economical for this work. All contracts with the towns, either by the mile or otherwise, shall be subject to the approval of the highway commission. Reimbursement on this work shall be made for use of motor driven equipment only.

**Sec. 10. Width of ways for snow removal.** All improved ways acceptable for snow removal shall have a width of not less than sixteen feet or may be extended to the width of the metal surface if in the judgment of the commission this is required. All unimproved ways shall have a width of the wrought portion thereof. This width shall be the measurements between the edges of the two shoulders of the road.'

Approved April 4, 1929.

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## Chapter 207.

An Act Relating to Damage Suits Brought Against Towns and Counties on State and State Aid Highways.

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

R. S., c. 25, sec. 29; P. L., 1927, c. 121; relating to liability of state for damages for defects in state and state aid highways, amended. Section twenty-nine, of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words: 'All judgments, fees, costs, and expenses reimbursable to towns and counties under this section shall be a proper charge against the account of maintenance and administration in the office of the state highway commission'; so that when amended, said section shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 29. Judgments, fees, costs and expenses a proper charge against maintenance and administration.** The state shall be liable to towns and counties for any judgment recovered in any action against such town or county and for reasonable attorney fees, costs and expense incurred in defending such action under the provision of sections ninety-two to ninety-six, both inclusive, of chapter twenty-four, but only when pertaining to those state and state aid highways to the improvement of which the state has contributed; or to which sections eight or seventeen may apply; provided, however, that within twenty-four hours after any of the various

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officials mentioned in said section ninety-two first has notice of such defect or want of repair or sufficient railing such officials shall give written notice thereof to some member of the commission; provided also that within ten days after any of the various officials mentioned in said section ninety-two first has notice of any injury to any person such officials shall give written notice thereof to some member of the commission; provided also, that the state shall not be liable for any injury sustained upon the sidewalk of any such state or state aid highway or sustained during the construction of such state or state aid highway within its limits; provided also, that the state shall not be liable for any injury under this section in an amount exceeding four thousand dollars; provided also that any sums recoverable under section ninety-seven of chapter twenty-four shall be deducted from the judgment against such town or county in determining the liability of the state under this section. The commission may appear and take upon itself the defense of any action affecting the liability of the state under this section. All judgments, fees, costs and expenses reimbursable to towns and counties under this section shall be a proper charge against the account of maintenance and administration in the office of the state highway commission.'

Approved April 4, 1929.

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## Chapter 208.

An Act Relating to License of Small Loan Agencies by the Bank Commissioner.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 298, sec. 2; relating to license for small loan agencies, amended. Section two of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the word "shall" in the third line, and inserting in place thereof the word 'may' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Bank commissioner may issue license. Upon the filing of such application and the approval of said bond and the payment of said fee, the bank commissioner may issue a license to the applicant to make loans in accordance with the provisions of this act for a period which shall expire the first day of January next following the date of its issuance; provided, that if the license is issued for a period of less than six months the license fee shall be twenty-five dollars. Such license shall not be assignable, and shall be kept conspicuously posted in the place of business of the licensee.'

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