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and supervision by the commission to prevent or remove whatever will injuriously affect any public interest or endanger the safety of persons using any highway. Signs or posters located on railroad property and intended for display to the public using such railroad, and signs erected, maintained or displayed under the provisions of any statute, and directional signs erected by authority of the commission upon designs determined by it and not exceeding 48 inches in length and 9 inches in width, except in cases where the commission shall decide that a larger directional sign is necessary for control of traffic, designating places of interest ~~in the town within 20 miles of the location of said sign where the same is placed, or in any adjoining town~~ shall not be deemed outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays within the meaning of this act.'

Approved April 6, 1939.

## Chapter 180

### AN ACT Relating to Public Exhibitions.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 1. Penalty for pageantry, etc., without a license.** Whoever, for money or other valuable article, exhibits any images, pageantry, sleight of hand tricks, puppet show, circus, **traveling amusement show**, feats of balancing, wire dancing, personal agility, dexterity, or theatrical performances, without a license therefor as hereinafter provided, forfeits, for every offense, not less than \$10 nor more than \$100; but this prohibition does not extend to any permanently established museum.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 2. Licenses; fees; prosecutions; traveling circuses or traveling amusement shows required to obtain state license; penalty.** The municipal officers of towns may grant licenses for any of the foregoing exhibitions or performances therein, on receiving for their town such sum as they deem proper; 24 hours ~~being allowed for each exhibition or performance;~~ or more being allowed for such exhibitions or performances as they may determine; and they shall prosecute, by complaint for the use of their town, all violations of the preceding section. No traveling circus or traveling amusement show shall advertise or exhibit any parade, show, or entertainment in this state without first paying a state license of \$500 in the case of a circus and \$25 in the case of amusement shows for each

calendar year. Application for such license shall be made to the ~~secretary of state~~ state tax assessor and shall contain the name of the person or corporation owning or operating said traveling circus or said traveling amusement show and a statement of the proposed territory within the limits of said state and the names of the cities and towns in which said traveling circus or said traveling amusement show is to exhibit. Upon the payment of the sum of \$500 or \$25 as the case may be, a license shall issue.

The advertising and exhibiting of any parade, show, or entertainment of any traveling circus or traveling amusement show without first taking out such license shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and the person, persons, firm, or corporation owning or controlling such traveling circus or traveling amusement show, or the manager or officer in charge thereof within the state shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

Municipal and superior courts in the counties where such traveling circus or traveling amusement show advertises and exhibits or parades shall have jurisdiction over said offense.'

Approved April 6, 1939.

## Chapter 181

### AN ACT Relating to the Examination of Railroads by the Public Utilities Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 63, § 48, amended. Section 48 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 48. Public utilities commission to examine railroads and make annual report. The public utilities commission, or one member thereof, or some competent person by said commission duly appointed, ~~annually, and at any other time~~ on application or whenever they think necessary, shall carefully examine the tracks, rolling-stock, bridges, viaducts and culverts of ~~all any railroads; railroad;~~ and shall annually make a report to the governor of their official doings, ~~therein stating the condition of the road and rolling stock,~~ with such facts as they deem of public interest or which he may require; and all persons managing railroads shall give the commission such information as they at any time require.'

Sec. 2. Intent of legislature. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that said public utilities commission shall maintain no permanent full-time employees for making such inspections.

Approved April 6, 1939.