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## Chapter 213

### AN ACT Relating to Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 29, § 52, amended. Section 52 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 52. Rate of speed of commercial vehicles.** No commercial vehicle equipped with pneumatic tires and registered to carry a load in excess of 1 ton shall be operated on open country ways at a rate of speed exceeding ~~35~~ 40 miles per hour, or within the compact built-up portions of any city, town or village at a rate of speed exceeding 12 miles per hour; said ways and built-up portions being defined in section 69. Nor shall any commercial vehicle equipped with 2 or more solid tires be operated on said open country ways at a rate of speed exceeding 15 miles per hour or within said compact built-up portions at a rate of speed exceeding 10 miles per hour.'

**Sec. 2.** R. S., c. 29, § 69, amended. Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of subsection lettered (b) of section 69 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed and the following paragraph, numbered 3, is hereby enacted in place thereof:

**'3.** 25 miles an hour in a business or residential district, or built-up portion, as defined herein, and in public parks unless a different speed, in such places, is fixed by the municipal officers and approved by the state highway commission and duly posted.'

**Sec. 3.** R. S., c. 29, § 69, amended. The 1st sentence of paragraph designated 6 of subsection lettered (b) of section 69 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended and renumbered 4, to read as follows:

**'6 4.** ~~Thirty five~~ 45 miles an hour under all other conditions.'

**Sec. 4.** R. S., c. 29, § 69, amended. The 2nd paragraph of paragraph designated 6 of subsection lettered (b) of section 69 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'Any speed in excess of the limits established by law shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable and proper as defined in subsection (a) of this section. In every charge of violation of a speed limit, the complaint, also the summons or notice to appear, shall specify the speed at which the defendant is alleged to have driven; also the speed at which the statute declares shall be prima facie lawful at the time and place of the alleged violation.'**