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Chapter 301

AN ACT Relating to Signals for Stopping and Turning Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 19, §§ 107-A, 107-B, 107-C, additional. Chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 107-A, 107-B and 107-C, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 107-A. Turning movements and required signals. No person shall turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the vehicle is in proper position upon the roadway as required in section 107, or turn a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway or otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course, or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. No person shall so turn any vehicle designed for the purpose of transportation of persons, other than buses, without giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided in this section and sections 107-B and 107-C in the event any other traffic may be affected by such movement.

A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning.

No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of such a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided by this section and sections 107-B and 107-C to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal.

Sec. 107-B. Signals by hand and arm or signal device. Any stop or turn signal when required as provided in section 107-A shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal lamp or lamps or mechanical signal device but when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that a hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear of such vehicle then said signals must be given by such a lamp or lamps or signal device.

Sec. 107-C. Method of giving hand and arm signals. All signals required by section 107-A given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows:

- I. Left turn—hand and arm extended horizontally with the index finger pointed to the left;
- II. Right turn—hand and arm extended horizontally and rotated from the rear to the front;

III. Stop or decrease speed—hand and arm extended horizontally in a steady position with palm to the rear.’

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 302

AN ACT Revising the Laws Relating to Outdoor Advertising Signs.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20, § 112, amended. Section 112 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 112. **Permits.** No person, firm or corporation shall erect or maintain upon real property any outdoor advertising structure, device or display, including those now or hereafter existing, until a permit for the erection or maintenance of such structure, device or display shall have been obtained from the commission. The provisions of this section shall not apply to outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays upon the property whereon the goods so advertised are manufactured or sold or the business or profession so advertised is carried on or practiced, or which advertise the real property upon which the same may be for sale or for rent, provided that such structures, devices or displays shall not exceed 10 in number or a total area of 250 square feet, and provided that such structures, devices or displays shall be within 300 feet of the building wherein the goods advertised are manufactured or sold or the business or profession advertised is carried on or practiced, except that if such building is not adjacent to a ~~state or state aid highway~~ or public way designated by state or federal highway route numbers, said structures, devices or displays shall be within 300 feet from the junction of the nearest such highway, and the travelled way, public or private, constituting the approach to said building, and such signs shall not exceed 2 in number or 200 square feet in total area and provided further, that none of such signs shall be of an area greater than 100 square feet or shall endanger the safety of persons using the highways.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 20, § 121, amended. Section 121 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 121. **Limitation.** These regulations shall not apply to outdoor advertising in the compact or built up section of any town or city but such advertising is subject to regulation by town or city by-laws or ordinances. The compact or built up section of any town or city, for the purposes of