

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-eighth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

Published by the Director of Legislative Research in accordance with subsection VI of section 27 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

KENNEBEC JOURNAL

AUGUSTA, MAINE

1957

PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-eighth Legislature

1957

Chapter 266

AN ACT Relating to Weight Tolerances for Motor Vehicles Carrying Firewood, Pulpwood, Logs or Bolts.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 111-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 111-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 111-A. Weight tolerance for firewood, pulpwood, logs and bolts. The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, pulpwood, logs or bolts shall not be deemed to be in violation of any of the provisions of sections 19, 36, 109, 110 and 111 relating to weights of vehicles, weights of loads, tonnages or overloads if the gross weight of such vehicle and its load does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross weight for which such vehicle is then registered nor 110% of the maximum gross weight permitted for such vehicle by the provisions of section 109, and if the weight thereof imparted to any road surface by any one axle does not exceed 110% of the maximum single axle weight permitted therefor by the provisions of section 109. Nothing contained in the first sentence of this section shall permit, validate or in any way apply to the use of the Interstate System as defined in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 by vehicles with weights carried on any one axle, tandem-axle weights or overall gross weights or with widths in excess of the applicable maximum weights or maximum widths permitted by the provisions of section 108 (j) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 267

AN ACT Clarifying the Outdoor Advertising Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 138, amended. Section 138 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 38 and by section 3 of chapter 279, both of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

'None of such structures, devices or displays exempted in this section shall be:

- I. Within the full width of the right-of-way of any state or state aid highway as laid out by the State, the county or the town; nor
- II. Within 33 feet of the center line of any such highway if the right-of-way as laid out is less than 33 feet from the center line of any such highway; nor
- III. Within 20 feet from the outside edge of any of the paved portion of any such highway having more than 2 travel lanes and having a total paved portion in excess of 24 feet in width.

Subsections II and III shall not apply to such structures, devices or displays permanently set and in existence September 1, 1957.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 23, § 142, amended. Section 142 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 142. Limitation on granting of permits. No permit shall be granted for the erection, construction or maintenance of any outdoor advertising structure, device or display within a distance of 300 feet of the intersection or junction of a highway with another highway, or with a railway ~~or street railway~~, at a point where it would obstruct or interfere with a view of a train ~~street car~~ or ~~other~~ any vehicle on the intersecting or joining highway or railroad ~~or street railway~~; or within 300 feet of any public park, reservation, public forest, public playground, school, church or cemetery and in public view therefrom; or within 50 feet from the nearer line of the traveled way of a public highway and in public view therefrom; or on any public highway, park or other public property; or which in the judgment of the Commission is or would be injurious to property in the vicinity thereof, or would injuriously affect any public interest or endanger the safety of persons using any highway; or in a place wherein the erection, construction or maintenance thereof is or shall be prohibited by any municipal ordinance or regulation; or upon real property owned by or leased to a person other than the applicant, except with the consent of such owner or lessee; or whose area shall exceed 900 square feet; or which, in whole or in part, in its operation shall move or simulate motion, or which is or shall be painted upon or annexed to any rock or tree within the prohibited area. No permit shall be granted or renewed for the further maintenance of any billboard, sign or other advertising device unless the front, back, braces, anchors and lattice work thereof are kept in proper condition.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 23, § 143, amended. Section 143 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence, as follows:

'The Commission may petition the court of equity for a mandatory decree ordering the removal of any outdoor advertising structure, device or display erected or maintained in violation of any of the provisions of sections 137 to 148, inclusive. The court of equity shall have jurisdiction of any such proceeding.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 23, § 144, amended. The last sentence of section 144 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The State Police, and the police officers of any municipality and the peace officers of any county or township shall, at the request of the Commission, remove or cause to be removed any ~~such~~ structure, device or display, the removal of which it shall have ordered ~~as aforesaid~~ under the provisions of sections 137 to 148, inclusive.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 23, § 148, amended. Section 148 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the 2nd sentence thereof, a new sentence, as follows:

'Whoever, after conviction for a violation of any of the provisions of sections 137 to 148, inclusive, unlawfully maintains any such advertisement, sign or billboard or structure designed for the display of advertising matter for 10 days after the conviction may be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 for each day upon which such advertisement, sign or billboard or structure designed for display of advertising matter is maintained.'