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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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would obstruct in a material or substantial manner a clear view of the interior of said premises. The license of any person violating the provisions of this section shall be suspended until such obstruction has been removed.'

Effective August 28, 1957

## Chapter 336

### AN ACT to Correct Inconsistencies in State Highway Laws.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 5, amended.** Section 5 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 5. Highways classified.** The Commission shall cause charts and maps to be made showing the location and mileage of all highways in the State, and shall classify the highways of the State ~~into 4 general classes~~, and may from time to time amend such classification, namely: 1st, state highways, which shall mean a system of connected main highways throughout the State; 2nd, state aid highways, which shall mean such highways not included in the system of state highways as shall be thoroughfares between principal settlements, or between settlements and their market or shipping point and in so far as practicable feeders to the state highways; 3rd, ~~3rd class highways, which shall mean other high-~~ways designated, determined and accepted by the State Highway Commission ~~to receive aid from the State as provided by law;~~ 4th, ~~4th class highways town~~ ways, which shall mean all other highways not included in the first ~~3~~ 2 classes above mentioned, which are maintained by the towns.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 23, § 65, sub-§ III, amended.** Subsection III of section 65 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**III.** All improved sections of ~~federal state and state aid highways 3rd class~~ or so-called ~~resolve highways.~~

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 23, § 66, amended.** The 1st paragraph of section 66 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Commission shall provide a system of maintenance for all state highways to which section 68 may apply and for all state aid highways to which sections 72 and 73 may apply so that all sections of such highways may be effectually and economically preserved and maintained, in accordance with the best maintenance practice in so far as funds will permit. The provisions of this section do not include snow removal work on state aid highways ~~3rd class highways~~ or town ways.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 23, § 79, amended.** Section 79 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 79. Winter routes cleared of snow.** The Commission, on petition of the municipal officers of 2 or more towns through which extends a continuous state aid highway ~~3rd class highway~~ or town way, may from year to year lay out winter routes over such state aid highways ~~3rd class highways~~ or town ways as

in their judgment seem advisable for the clearance of snow therefrom for the reasonable use of motor vehicles, sleighs and sleds during such season. The Commission may take similar action upon petition of the municipal officers of any town with respect to any other state aid highways ~~3rd class highways~~ or town ways. Except as ~~hereinafter~~ provided, all snow removal petitions are to be received in the office of the Commission on or before December 1st previous to any season's work.

~~It is further provided that petitions~~ Petitions already, or in the future, received from the municipal officers and approved by the Highway Commission covering state aid highways ~~3rd class highways~~ and town ways shall be effective until the Commission shall have received and approved written recommendations from said municipal officers of proposed changes. Such changes, which shall include any additions, discontinuances or corrections, shall be made to the Commission in writing on or before December 1st previous to any season's work.'

**Sec. 5. R. S., c. 23, § 80, amended.** Section 80 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 80. Towns to keep such routes clear of snow; sanding.** Towns through which extends such a system of winter routes approved and accepted by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of section 79 shall, through and by their board of municipal officers, keep said state aid highways ~~3rd class highways~~ and town ways cleared of snow during the winter season or such part of the year as the Highway Commission may direct, so that they may be reasonably usable by motor vehicles, sleighs and sleds. Snow on such state aid highways ~~3rd class highways~~ and town ways shall be removed to the outside edges of the shoulders of the road, and in a manner satisfactory to the Highway Commission whose judgment ~~thereon~~ shall be final. The towns shall sand the ~~fore-mentioned~~ state aid highways ~~3rd class highways~~ and town ways to the satisfaction of the Highway Commission, and in case the towns fail to sand the highways to the satisfaction of the Highway Commission, the said Commission shall be authorized to make arrangements for the proper sanding and the cost of such sanding done by the Highway Commission shall be paid by the towns and the State shall reimburse the towns on the same basis as other snow removal and sanding accounts.'

**Sec. 6. R. S., c. 23, § 82, amended.** The 1st paragraph of section 82 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 19 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Towns, organized plantations and unincorporated townships, having a valuation of more than \$400,000 which clear ~~2nd and 3rd class~~ state aid highways and town ways to the satisfaction of the Commission and when necessary apply sand, gravel or other materials to a width of not less than 7 feet through the center of the road within a reasonable length of time after surface of the road becomes slippery, shall be reimbursed for the cost thereof to the extent of \$65 per mile on the highways or town ways designated as provided in section 79.'

**Sec. 7. R. S., c. 23, § 82, amended.** The 5th paragraph of section 82 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Commission, the county commissioners or the municipal officers of any city or town may provide snow guards or snow fences along any state highways, state aid highways ~~3rd class highways~~ or town ways for the prevention of snow from encumbering such highways or town ways.'

Sec. 8. R. S., c. 23, § 63, amended. The first sentence of section 63 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No money from this fund shall be expended on the improved sections of any road which is a part of the ~~federal aid state or state aid systems, 3rd class or so called CCC roads~~ as it is intended to apply only to the unimproved roads of the State; ~~provided, however, that the above.~~ This limitation shall not apply to the \$200 referred to in section 61.'

Effective August 28, 1957

## Chapter 337

### AN ACT Relating to Registration of Dealers in Boat Trailers and Temporary Registration Plates.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 30-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 30-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 30-A. Boat trailer dealer's registration; fee. Every manufacturer or dealer in boat trailers shall annually pay a fee of \$10 for a registration certificate to handle, demonstrate, sell and exchange boat trailers.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 37, amended. Section 37 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 10 of chapter 200 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 37. Temporary number plates; notification; cost. A manufacturer or dealer or holder of a transit registration certificate or boat trailer registration certificate may, upon the sale or exchange of a motor vehicle or boat trailer, attach to such motor vehicle or boat trailer a temporary registration plate, and the purchaser of such motor vehicle or boat trailer may operate the same for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days thereafter without payment of a regular fee. A temporary registration plate may not be used on a loaded truck without a written permit from the Secretary of State.

A manufacturer or dealer or holder of a transit registration certificate or boat trailer registration certificate shall, upon attaching a temporary registration plate to a motor vehicle or boat trailer sold or exchanged by him, mark thereon the date when said license expires and immediately notify the Secretary of State of said sale or exchange, giving the name and address of the purchaser, the number of the temporary plate and such further information as the Secretary of State may require. The markings required by this paragraph to be placed on a temporary registration plate shall be made not less than one inch in height, with indelible or waterproof ink.

The Secretary of State may issue temporary registration plates to bona fide dealers or holders of transit registration certificates or boat trailer registration certificates who request them under such rules and regulations as he shall deem necessary, and shall receive for them 50c per plate.'

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