WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1937

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HOUSE BILL No. 245

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Thomas)

PASSED March 13, 1937

In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend article eight, chapter seventeen of the code of
West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as
amended by chapter forty, acts of the Legislature, first ex-
traordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three,
by adding section thirty-one-a, relating to the powers of the
state road commissioner to regulate traffic upon state roads.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article eight, chapter seventeen of the code of West Vir-
ginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chap-
ter forty, acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one
thousand nine hundred thirty-three, be amended by adding section
thirty-one-a to read as follows:

Section 31-a. If the state road commissioner finds that life,
property, or the preservation of a state road is endangered
because of the condition of the road, the congestion of traffic
on the road, or the character of traffic on the road, he may
promulgate regulations as follows, by:

1. Closing the road to the use of vehicles of specified size,
weight, load or other characteristics.

2. Prescribing maximum and minimum rates of speed
which shall be observed by vehicles using the road.

3. Prohibiting the use of the road by all vehicles or by
particular classes of vehicles during particular hours of the
day or on particular days of the week.

4. Specifying minimum distances to be maintained be-
tween heavy vehicles traveling in the same direction.

5. Prescribing such other traffic regulations as he may find
necessary for the purposes of this section.

The state road commissioner shall deposit a copy of a regu-
lation promulgated by him with the county clerk of each
county through which the road passes. He shall print copies
and distribute them free of charge to any person requesting
them.

The state road commissioner shall place official signs prom-
inently located at the entrance of the state road affected by
a regulation, and at each intersection where vehicles habitu-
ally enter upon the road. The placing of official signs shall
be notice that the regulations with respect to that road have
been promulgated and are in effect.

A person who violates a regulation promulgated under this
section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon convic-
tion shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than
one hundred dollars or imprisoned in the county jail not
less than three days nor more than thirty days, or both, in
the discretion of the court.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signatures]

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

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Takes effect..............................................passage.

[Signatures]

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

[Signatures]

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within.............................................this the... day of... 1937.

[Signatures]

Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia. MAR 19 1937

Wm. S. O'Brien, Secretary of State