

SENATE No. 104.

To accompany the petition of Daniel W. Lane for legislation to regulate the speed at which motor vehicles may be run upon public ways. Roads and Bridges.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six.

AN ACT

Relative to the Speed at which Motor Vehicles may be operated upon Public Ways.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section eight of chapter four hun-
2 dred and seventy-three, acts of nineteen hundred
3 and three, is hereby amended by striking out the
4 word "fifteen," in the fifth line, and inserting in
5 place thereof the word: — twenty, — and by strik-
6 ing out the word "ten," in the seventh line, and
7 inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, —
8 so as to read as follows: —

9 *Section 8.* No automobile or motor cycle shall
10 be run on any public way or private way laid out
11 under the authority of statute outside the limits
12 of a city or the thickly settled or business part
13 of a town or fire district at a speed exceeding
14 twenty miles an hour, or within a city or the
15 thickly settled or business part of a town or fire
16 district at a speed exceeding twelve miles an
17 hour. Upon approaching a crossing or inter-
18 secting ways, also in traversing a crossing or
19 intersection, and in going around a corner or
20 curve in the highway every person operating an
21 automobile or motor cycle shall run it at a rate
22 of speed less than that hereinbefore specified and
23 at no time greater than is reasonable and proper,
24 having regard to traffic and the use of the way
25 and the safety of the public, and in no event ex-
26 ceeding eight miles an hour.

1 SECTION 2. The phrase "thickly settled or
2 business part of a town," in section eight of chap-
3 ter four hundred and seventy-three of the acts of
4 the year nineteen hundred and three, shall be
5 deemed to mean, (a) the territory of a city or
6 town contiguous to a public highway which is at
7 that point built up with structures devoted to
8 business, (b) the territory of a city or town con-
9 tiguous to a public highway not devoted to busi-
10 ness, where for not less than one-quarter of a mile
11 the dwelling-houses on such highways average
12 less than one hundred feet apart, and also (c) the
13 territory outside of a city or town contiguous to

14 a public highway within a distance of one-half a
15 mile from a post-office, provided that for a distance
16 of at least one-quarter of a mile within such limits
17 the dwelling-houses on such highway average less
18 than one hundred feet apart.

1 SECTION 3. Nothing herein contained shall
2 be so construed as to affect the rights of boards of
3 park commissioners as authorized by law.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon
2 its passage.

