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3. HIGHWAYS.

CHAPTER 206.

An Act to regulate Travelling on Public Highways and Bridges.

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Highway Travel Act*. Short title. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 1.

2. In this Act "Vehicle" shall include a vehicle drawn by one or more horses, or other animals, a traction engine and a motor vehicle. Interpretation, "Vehicle." 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 2.

HIGHWAYS.

3.—(1) Where a person travelling, or being upon a highway in charge of a vehicle, meets another vehicle he shall turn out to the right from the centre of the road allowing to the vehicle so met one-half of the road. Vehicles meeting others.

(2) Where a person travelling, or being upon a highway in charge of a vehicle, meets a person travelling upon a bicycle or tricycle he shall, where practicable, allow him sufficient room on the travelled portion of the highway to pass to the right. Vehicles meeting bicycles, etc. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 3.

4.—(1) Where a person travelling, or being upon a highway in charge of a vehicle, or on horseback, is overtaken by any vehicle or horseman travelling at greater speed, the person so overtaken shall quietly turn out to the right and allow such vehicle or horseman to pass. Vehicles or horsemen overtaken by others.

(2) Any person so overtaking another vehicle or horseman shall turn out to the left so far as may be necessary to avoid a collision with the vehicle or horseman so overtaken, and the person so overtaken shall not be required to leave more than one-half of the road free. Vehicles or horsemen overtaking others.

(3) Where a person travelling or being upon a highway on a bicycle or tricycle, is overtaken by a vehicle or horseman travelling at a greater speed, the person so overtaken shall quietly turn out to the right and allow such vehicle or horse- Bicycles and tricycles overtaken by vehicles or horsemen.

man to pass, and the person so overtaking the bicycle or tricycle shall turn out to the left so far as may be necessary to avoid a collision.

Bicycle overtaking vehicle, horse-man or foot passenger to give warning.

(4) Where a person travelling upon a highway on a bicycle or tricycle overtakes any vehicle or horseman travelling at less speed, or a person travelling on foot, the person on the bicycle or tricycle shall give to the other person audible warning of his approach before attempting to pass. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 4.

Driver unable to turn out is to stop.

5.—(1) Where one vehicle is met or overtaken by another if, by reason of the weight of the load on either of the vehicles so meeting or on the vehicle so overtaken, the driver finds it impracticable to turn out he shall immediately stop and, if necessary for the safety of the other vehicle, and if required so to do, he shall assist the person in charge thereof to pass without damage.

Portable and traction engines meeting or overtaken by other vehicles.

(2) Where a portable or traction engine is met or overtaken on a highway by a vehicle drawn by a horse or other animal, or by a horseman, the driver of the engine shall, if practicable, turn out to the right and give such vehicle or horseman at least one-half of the road, and shall in all cases stop and remain stationary until the vehicle or horseman has safely passed, and shall, if requested by the driver of the vehicle or by the horseman, assist such driver or horseman to pass without damage.

Stopping engine.

(3) Every person in charge of a portable or a traction engine, and being upon a highway and about to meet or be passed by a vehicle drawn by a horse or other animal, or by a horseman, shall stop when at a distance of not less than one chain from such vehicle or horseman and shall remain stationary until the vehicle or horseman shall have safely passed such engine.

Lights to be carried ahead of engine.

(4) Where any such engine is using a highway or bridge, between sunset and sunrise, it shall be the duty of all persons in charge thereof to see that some person shall walk, ride or drive ahead of it, carrying a light so as to give warning to persons in charge of approaching vehicles or animals, such person with such light to be and continue at least one chain in front of the engine; and it shall be the duty of such person also to warn the driver of such engine to stop when an animal or vehicle is drawing near, and also to warn the person in charge of such animal or vehicle of such engine.

Lights to be carried on engine.

(5) Every such engine shall, after sunset and before sunrise, carry a bright red light in a conspicuous place in front and a green light on the rear of the engine or of any vehicle which may be attached to it.

Noises not to be made when passing horses, etc.

(6) It shall be the duty of the driver, or of the person in charge of any such engine, to see that it makes no noise by whistling or otherwise when any horse or animal is passing

or is near or is about to pass the same on any highway. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 5.

6. Where a person in charge of a vehicle or of a horse or other animal used as a means of conveyance, travelling or being on a highway, is, through drunkenness, unable to drive or ride the same with safety to other persons travelling on or being upon the highway he shall incur the penalties imposed by this Act. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 6. Drunkenness of driver or rider.

7. No person shall race with or drive furiously any horse or other animal, or shout, or use any blasphemous or indecent language upon any highway. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 7. Racing and disorderly conduct.

8. Every person travelling upon a highway with a sleigh, sled, or cariole, drawn by a horse or other animal, shall have at least two bells attached to the harness. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 8. Sleigh bells.

9. Where a person travelling upon a bicycle or tricycle in a northerly or westerly direction upon the central strip between the double tracks of a surface railway meets another person on a bicycle or tricycle travelling in an opposite direction he shall turn out to the right, allowing to such other person the whole of the central strip. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 9. Bicycles on devil strips.

BRIDGES.

10.—(1) The person who has the superintendence of any bridge exceeding thirty feet in length may cause to be put up at each end thereof, conspicuously placed, a notice legibly printed in the following form: Notice to be posted at bridges.

“Any person or persons riding or driving on or over this bridge at a faster rate than a walk will, on conviction thereof, be subject to a fine as provided by law.” Form of.

(2) A person who injures or interferes with such notice shall incur a penalty of not less than \$1 or more than \$8. Penalty for defacing.

(3) If, while such notice continues up, a person rides or drives a horse or other animal on or over such bridge at a pace faster than a walk he shall incur the penalties imposed by this Act. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 10. Violation of prohibition notice.

PENALTIES; RECOVERY AND APPLICATION OF.

11. Where not otherwise specially provided any person contravening this Act shall incur a penalty of not less than \$1 nor more than \$20. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 11. Generally.

12. No penalty or imprisonment shall be a bar to the recovery of damages by the injured person. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 12. Right to damages reserved.

Application
of penalties.

13. Every fine when collected shall be paid to the treasurer of the local municipality or place in which the offence was committed, and shall be applied to the general purposes thereof, unless the offence was committed on a road or bridge owned by a company or person, and such company or person, or the officer or servant of such company or person is the complainant, in which case the penalty when collected shall be paid over to such company or person. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 13.

Recovery.

14. The penalties imposed by or under the authority of this Act shall be recoverable under *The Ontario Summary Convictions Act*. 2 Geo. V. c. 47, s. 14.
