

section, clause or provision shall on account thereof be deemed invalid or ineffective and the inapplicability or invalidity of any section, clause or provision of this act in any one or more instances shall not be taken to affect or prejudice in any way its applicability or validity in any other instance.

WEIGHTS OF VEHICLES PASSING OVER BRIDGES.

1931, ch. 539, sec. 65.

65. The State Roads Commission shall have the power and right to regulate the weights of wagons, trucks, road engines, road rollers, traction engines, threshing machines or other vehicles of any kind passing over any bridges or culverts included in the State Roads System and the rate of speed of such vehicles while passing over the same by posting and maintaining conspicuously at both ends of or entrance to said bridges or culverts signboards with lettering not less than three inches in height, worded as follows, to wit: "Warning—Weight not to exceed (here insert numerals) pounds, Speed not to exceed (here insert numerals) miles per hour," which shall be taken to mean that no vehicle of any kind, as above enumerated, weighing, with or without any load which may be in or upon the same, more than the number of pounds specified on said signboard, shall pass or be drawn, driven, propelled or in any other manner taken over said bridge or culvert, and that no such vehicle of any kind as above enumerated shall pass or be drawn, driven, propelled or in any other manner taken over said bridge or culvert at a greater rate of speed than that specified on said signboard. Any individual, firm, co-partnership, corporation or other person, whether the owner of such vehicle, the person in charge and control over the same, or employee or agent of any such who shall draw, drive, propel or in any other manner take or cause to be taken, drawn, driven or propelled over any such bridge or culvert posted as aforesaid any wagon, truck, road engine, road roller, traction engine, threshing machine or other vehicle of any kind, weighing, with or without any load which may be in or upon the same, more than the number of pounds specified on the signboard so erected at the entrances or approaches of such bridge or culvert, or at a greater rate of speed than that specified on said signboard, without a permit in writing from the State Roads Commission shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, for each such offense; in addition to which the owner or person in control of such vehicle shall be liable to the said Commission for all damages which may be done the same by the violation of the regulation so prescribed. In any trial of any person charged with a violation of any of the provisions of this section oral proof of the existence of such signboard posted as herein provided and its contents shall be accepted as prima facie evidence of the validity of the regulation thereon prescribed.