

any such road or highway or impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated upon any such highway, or reduce the maximum speed limits of vehicles operating upon any such highway for any one period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and for a total period of not to exceed ninety (90) days in any one calendar year, whenever any such road or highway by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other condition will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced or the maximum speed limits be reduced.

The State Roads Commission enacting any such resolution shall erect or cause to be erected, posted and maintained signs designating the provisions of the ordinance or resolution at each end of that portion of any road or highway affected thereby, and the resolution shall not be effective unless and until such signs are erected and posted.

(2) 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 road or highway posted as aforesaid any motor vehicle, 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 entrance to such road or highway, 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 more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100), 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 to the said road or highway, 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.