

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 4th day of December 1759, and in the 33^d year of His Majesty's Reign.

33 George II – Chapter 8 (Session 2)

An Act to prevent disorderly Riding Horses and Driving Carts, Trucks, and Sleds, Slays or any other Carriage whatsoever, within the Town of Halifax, or any other Town within the Province.

In order to prevent the inconveniencies and mischiefs which might arise from the negligent and disorderly riding horses and driving carts, trucks, and sleds for carriage of burthen, or any other carriage whatsoever, within the town of Halifax, or any other town within the province;

Be it enacted by his Excellency the Governor, council, and assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that from and after the publication hereof, no person or persons shall, on any pretence whatsoever, gallop or ride at full speed on horseback, or having the charge of driving any horse or horses, or remain placed in or upon any part of such cart, truck or sled, within any of the streets or highways of the said town or towns, and that no such driver or drivers shall omit, during such time, to lead the shaft or thillhorse by an halter, not exceeding four feet in length, or shall drive any such horse or horses raster than a foot-pace, upon penalty of ten shillings for every such offence, to be paid upon conviction by the testimony of one credible witness, before any one of His Majesty's justice of the peace, within twenty-four hours after such offence committed; and in case of any such offender's refusal to pay the same, said offender shall be put to labour for the space of four days in repairing the said highways under the direction of the surveyor or surveyors of the highways, or any of them; and in case of refusal or neglect to perform such labour, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace, upon complaint of the said surveyor or surveyors, or any of them, to cause such offender to be committed to the house of correction, where he shall forthwith receive ten stripes, in the usual manner of correcting offenders at the said house, and thereupon be discharged.

And be it further enacted, that every owner or proprietor of any sled or slay [sleigh], used either for carriage of goods or persons, shall cause at least six horse-bells to be affixed to the horse harness of the said sled or slay, and shall not drive the same, or any other carriage whatsoever, in a disorderly manner, upon penalty of twenty shillings for every omission or offence, upon conviction, on the oath of one credible witness, before any one of His Majesty's justices of the peace, within twenty-four hours after such offence committed; and in case of refusal or neglect to pay the same, to be levied on the goods or chattles of such offender, by warrant of distress and sale, under the hand and seal of the said justice.

All fines and penalties incurred by this Act, to be paid into the hands of the surveyors of the high-ways for the time being, to be by them applied towards the repairing and amending the same.