

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the Fourteenth Day of February, 1822, in the Third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. and ended on the Third Day of March, in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, being the First Session of the Twelfth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

3 George IV – Chapter 27

An Act to regulate the Driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or Public Roads of this Province.

Whereas it will conduce much to the safety and convenience of all persons passing on the streets of Halifax, or public roads of this province, if the persons driving carriages, wagons, carts, trucks, sleighs or sleds, thereon, are compelled to keep the proper side of the said streets and road:

- I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that, from and after the publication hereof, every person or persons who, in summer or winter, shall drive any gig, chaise, carriage, wagon, cart, truck, sleigh or sled, on any street in the said town of Halifax, or any public road, or highway, in this province, every such person or persons shall always hereafter leave the centre of such street or road, on his right hand side: it being the true intent and meaning hereof, that all carriages, sleighs or sleds, of every kind and denomination, which shall hereafter meet together on any of said streets, or on any public road, they shall pass each on the right hand side of the other, in such manner, that, both in winter and summer, an open carriage way or sled track, shall be kept on each side of the centre of every street in Halifax, or public road, as aforesaid.
- II. And be it further enacted, that hereafter, when the driver of any carriage, sleigh or sled, on any of said streets or public roads, attempt to pass any other carriage, sleigh or sled, having its head in the same direction, such driver shall take care to pass on the right side of such carriage, sleigh or sled, so as to leave a sufficient way open on his left hand, for the carriage, sleigh or sled, which he is so about to pass; and all carriages, sleighs and sleds, at all times, both in the night and in the day, shall hereafter be obliged to keep on the side of the road, appointed and established by this act.
- III. And be it further enacted, that, whenever any carriage, wagon, cart, truck, sleigh or sled, shall, at any time hereafter, stop, or be suffered to stand, loaded or unloaded, on any of the said streets of Halifax, or public road, every such carriage, wagon, cart, truck, sleigh or sled, shall, on no account, be placed nearer to the centre of such street or road than eighteen inches.
- IV. And be it further enacted, that all carriages or sleighs, used for pleasure, on the streets, lanes, or within the peninsula of Halifax, and drawn by two horses, shall be harnessed in

such a manner, that the horses draw side by side, and that when any such carriage or sleigh shall be drawn by three or more horses, the leader shall be guided by a rider or post-boy, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding. And the owner or driver of any carriage or sleigh, drawn otherwise than is herein before described, shall be liable to the fines and forfeitures imposed by an act, passed in the thirty-third year of His late Majesty George the Second, chapter eight, entitled, "An Act to prevent disorderly riding Horses and driving carriages, within the town of Halifax."

V. And be it further enacted, that every person licensed to retail spirituous liquors, in any house or shop, in the said town of Halifax, or any public road, shall, at all times hereafter, keep a printed copy of this act posted up in the most frequented and conspicuous place in his, her or their, house or shop.