

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 350

S. P. 348

In Senate, Feb. 5, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary,

Presented by Senator Jackson of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT relating to registration fees or payment for motor
vehicles used for livery or hire.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section fifty-four of chapter twenty-nine of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "motor vehicles used for livery or hire shall pay double the above fees, provided, however, that private automobiles occasionally employed for use at funerals by a duly registered or licensed undertaker, and not otherwise used for hire, shall not be subject to such double fees, and provided further, that motor vehicles used for no other passenger service or hire than for the transportation of school children to and from school are not subject to the double registration fee." in paragraph a of said section and inserting the word 'double' after the word "pay" in the thirteenth line of said paragraph a, and inserting the word 'such' after the word "section" in the fourteenth line of said paragraph a, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 54. Fees for registration of vehicles. 1921, c. 211, sec. 47. 1925, cc. 58, 123. 1927, c. 151. The annual fees for the registration and licensing of vehicles shall be in accordance with the following schedule, and shall accompany the application for registration:

a. Motor vehicles used for the conveyance of passengers.

	Per H. P.	Per 100 lbs. weight
Equipped with		
Pneumatic tires	25 cents	25 cents
Solid tires (two or more)	25 cents	50 cents

Motor vehicles used for the carrying of passengers for hire and operating under the provisions of chapter sixty-six, shall pay registration fees as follows: motor vehicles of not over seven persons seating capacity shall pay double the fees as provided in the foregoing part of this section; such motor vehicles of over seven persons seating capacity shall pay in addition to the above fees an additional sum of two dollars and fifty cents for each seat in addition to seven.

b. Tractors.

	Per H. P.	Per 100 lbs. weight
Equipped with		
Pneumatic tires	25 cents	25 cents
Solid rubber tires	25 cents	50 cents
Iron, steel or other hard tires	25 cents	80 cents

Tractors used for agricultural purposes or not customarily used on public ways shall pay one-tenth of the above rates; caterpillar tractors, so-called; except as above provided, shall pay a registration fee of fifteen dollars. Tractors not used for hauling or carrying loads on the highways shall be exempt from registration and license.

c. Trailers.

	Per 100 lbs.	(gross weight of vehicle and load)
Equipped with		
Pneumatic tires	15 cents	
Solid tires	40 cents	
Iron, steel or other hard tires	75 cents	

d. Motorcycles \$5.00 each

e. Motorcycle side-cars \$5.00 each

In computations under this section minor fractions of horse-power and weight shall carry the lower rating, and major fractions shall carry the next higher rating.

Horse-power specified in this chapter shall be based on the "A. L. A. M." standard, so-called.

"Steam Vehicles." In the computation of fees for all vehicles propelled by steam, the horse-power rating shall be

based on the system of rating adopted by the United States Government.

“Electric Vehicles.” For vehicles propelled by electricity the rating shall be the normal horse-power designated by the manufacturers of the electric motor or motors in the vehicle.

In the computation of fees based on gross weight, said gross weight, in the case of freight or merchandise vehicles, shall be the actual weight of the vehicle in pounds plus the manufacturer’s rated load capacity, and in the case of passenger vehicles shall be the actual weight of the vehicles. In no case shall the registration fee be less than ten dollars.

On any application for registration applied for by an owner resident of this state, of a motor vehicle or trailer, not including a log hauler, or traction engine, during the period between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of December, one-half the registration fee shall be charged. The secretary of state upon granting the application shall register in a book or upon suitable index cards to be kept for the purpose, the vehicle described in the application, giving to its owner a distinguishing number or other mark, and shall thereupon issue a certificate of registration which shall contain the name, place of residence and address of the owner.