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S. P. 440

In Senate, February 8, 1961

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Edmunds of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Jurisdiction of Public Utilities Commission over Motor  
Vehicles Carrying Passengers for Hire.

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

**R. S., c. 48, § 1, repealed and replaced.** Section 1 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof.

**‘Sec. 1. Motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire under jurisdiction of Public Utilities Commission.** The Public Utilities Commission, hereinafter in this chapter called the “commission” shall have jurisdiction over every person, firm or corporation operating any motor vehicle upon any public street or highway for the carrying of passengers for hire. Nothing in this part shall apply to motor vehicles employed solely in transporting school children and teachers to or from school and for school activities of that school; taxi cabs, or other motor vehicles performing a bona fide taxicab service, having a capacity of not more than 6 passengers and not operated on a regular route or between fixed termini; or motor vehicles owned or operated by or on behalf of hotels and used exclusively for the transportation of hotel patrons between hotels and local railroad or other common carrier stations. Any common carrier by motor vehicle transporting passengers under a certificate issued under section 5 may transport in intrastate commerce to any place special or charter parties under such rules and regulations as the commission shall have prescribed. Whether or not any motor vehicle is being operated within the meaning of sections 1 to 18 shall be a question of fact, and the finding of the commission thereon shall be final and shall not be subject to review, except that questions of law may be raised in the manner provided in chapter 44, sections 67 and 68. Application for an original certificate shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25; yearly renewals and amendments requiring a public hearing, by a fee of \$15; and transfer of a certificate, by a fee of \$15. The funds so received by said commission shall be used to defray the expenses of said commission in connection therewith.’