

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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S. P. 470

In Senate, February 13, 1963

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Stilphen of Knox.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Minimum Standards for Dealers in New or Used Motor Vehicles.**

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

**R. S., c. 22, § 26, amended.** Section 26 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 76 of chapter 200 of the public laws of 1955 and by sections 2 and 3 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 26. Dealer registration plates; application; fees.** Every manufacturer or dealer in new or used motor vehicles may, instead of registering each motor vehicle owned or controlled by him, make application upon a blank provided by the Secretary of State for a general distinguishing number, color or mark. The Secretary of State shall forthwith present said application to the board. The board, if satisfied that the applicant maintains a permanent place of business in the State where said applicant will be principally engaged in the business of buying and selling of motor vehicles, and is ~~also~~ satisfied with the other facts stated in the application, **and if satisfied that the applicant meets the minimum standards set forth**, shall order the Secretary of State to issue a certificate of registration. Such certificate of registration shall contain the name, place of residence and business of the applicant and the general distinguishing number, color or mark assigned to him and made in such form as the Secretary of State may determine, and all vehicles owned or controlled by such applicant shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number, color or mark until sold, exchanged or operated for hire. To be eligible for the renewal of such motor vehicle dealer registration plates, the applicant must maintain in said State

a permanent place of business where said applicant is principally engaged in the business of buying and selling motor vehicles, and must continue to meet the minimum standards set forth. To qualify as a dealer in new motor vehicles for the purposes of this chapter, an applicant must possess a franchise contract from a manufacturer of motor vehicles and furnish the board with a certificate from said manufacturer or its distributor that said contract is in force; must have proper facilities for the display and storage of new and used motor vehicles, a repair department capable of taking care of at least 2 motor vehicles simultaneously, exclusive of grease pit or rack; must maintain an office and parts department suitable to conduct business; must possess sufficient tools and equipment for proper servicing and keep employed at least one mechanic having a thorough knowledge of the product handled. To qualify as a dealer in used motor vehicles for the purpose of this chapter, an applicant must have proper facilities for the display of used motor vehicles, a suitable office in which to conduct business and a suitable sign identifying the place of business; must maintain a repair department capable of taking care of at least 2 motor vehicles simultaneously exclusive of grease pit or rack, and sufficient tools and equipment for proper servicing; and must keep employed at least one mechanic having a thorough knowledge of the product handled. The requirements as to dealers in used motor vehicles pertaining to repair and servicing facilities and mechanics shall not apply to present holders of motor vehicle dealer registration plates, and may in all events be waived by the board upon satisfactory proof that the applicant has made arrangements for the repair and servicing of his products with a similarly qualified new or used car dealer or repairer. The annual fee for every such certificate of registration shall be \$65. The Secretary of State shall furnish the applicant with 4 registration number plates free of cost, and there may be issued to any such applicant 2 similar plates, in addition to the 4 plates so issued, upon payment of \$10 for each such additional plate. Upon payment of \$5 per plate, additional plates shall be furnished; the number of any additional plates to be issued shall be determined by the board. Extra registration plates shall be furnished to replace lost or mutilated plates for 75c each. On applications for registration, or for additional plates applied for during the period between the first day of September and 31st day of December in any year,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the registration fee shall be charged.'