

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 2, 1965

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Beane of Moscow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Clarify the Motor Vehicle Laws.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 244, repealed. The 4th paragraph from the end of section 244 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed as follows :

~~'No motor vehicle, or combination of motor vehicle and trailer or semi-trailer, except fire department vehicles, shall exceed in length 55 feet over all including all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary, and any load carried thereon or therein.'~~

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 337, amended. Section 337 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

'§ 337. Motorcycle dealer's registration; fee

Every manufacturer or dealer in motorcycles shall annually pay a fee of \$15 for a registration certificate to handle, demonstrate, sell and exchange motorcycles. The Secretary of State shall furnish the manufacturer of, or dealer in, motorcycles with 3 ~~sets of~~ distinguishing plates free of cost and additional ~~sets~~ **plates** for \$5 per **set plate**. For every plate in addition to the 3 originally furnished to the manufacturer or dealer in motorcycles, to replace lost or mutilated plates, \$1 shall be charged.'

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 340, amended. Section 340 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

'§ 340. Temporary number plates; notification; cost

A manufacturer or dealer or holder of a transporter registration certificate or boat trailer **or trailer** registration certificate may, upon the sale or exchange

of a motor vehicle ~~or~~, boat trailer **or trailer**, attach to rear plate holder of such motor vehicle ~~or~~, boat trailer **or trailer** a temporary registration plate, and the purchaser of such motor vehicle ~~or~~, boat trailer **or trailer** may operate the same for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days thereafter without payment of a regular fee. If the purchaser of such motor vehicle ~~or~~, boat trailer **or trailer** is a nonresident member of the armed services, said purchaser may operate the same for a period not to exceed 20 consecutive days thereafter without payment of a regular fee. A temporary registration plate may not be used on a loaded truck without a written permit from the Secretary of State.

A manufacturer or dealer or holder of a transporter registration certificate or boat trailer **or trailer dealer** registration certificate shall, upon attaching a temporary registration plate to a motor vehicle ~~or~~, boat trailer **or trailer** sold or exchanged by him, mark thereon the date when said license expires and immediately notify the Secretary of State of said sale or exchange, giving the name and address of the purchaser, the number of the temporary plate and such further information as the Secretary of State may require. The markings required by this paragraph to be placed on a temporary registration plate shall be made not less than one inch in height, with indelible or waterproof ink.

The Secretary of State may issue temporary registration plates to bona fide dealers or holders of transporter registration certificates ~~or~~, boat trailer **or trailer** registration certificates who request them under such rules and regulations as he shall deem necessary, and shall receive for them 50¢ per plate.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 29, § 541, amended. The first paragraph of section 541 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'In the event that an operator's license ~~or~~, registration card **or instruction permit** issued under this Title shall be lost or destroyed, the person to whom the same was issued may obtain a duplicate or substitute upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the Secretary of State that such license ~~or~~, card **or instruction permit** has been lost or destroyed and upon payment of a fee of 50¢.'

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 29, § 783, sub-§ 1, amended. The first sentence of subsection 1 of section 783 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Where an accident has resulted in bodily injury to or death of any person ~~or in property damage to an apparent extent of \$100 or more, or damage to the property of any one person in excess of \$100~~, the accident report required by section 891 shall contain, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State information to enable the Secretary of State to determine whether the requirements for the deposit of security and proof of financial responsibility are inapplicable by reason of the existence of insurance or other exceptions specified in this section.'

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 29, § 1701, amended. Section 1701 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

'No motor vehicle, or combination of motor vehicle and trailer or semitrailer, except fire department vehicles, shall exceed in length 55 feet over all including

all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary, and any load carried thereon or therein.'

Sec. 7. R. S., T. 29, § 2011, amended. The 6th paragraph of section 2011 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'All school buses shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher of a type and size approved by the laboratories of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. In addition to other lights required by law on each such bus, its front and rear shall be equipped with a **flashing red** stop light of a type approved by the Secretary of State. Such **flashing red light on school buses** shall be clearly displayed whenever the bus stops to receive or discharge its passengers. Flashing lights on school buses shall be turned on by the operator of such bus at least 100 feet before any stop is made to receive or discharge its passengers and shall be continually displayed until after the bus has received or discharged its passengers. This section with reference to lights shall apply only to school buses with a carrying capacity of 10 or more pupils.'

Sec. 8. R. S., T. 29, § 2012, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 2012 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'5. Fee. A fee of ~~§~~ **\$3** shall be paid to the Secretary of State for such examination. **The fee for all subsequent examinations shall be \$2.'**

Sec. 9. R. S., T. 29, § 2181, amended. Section 2181 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'§ 2181. Fraud or falsity on applications for license or registration

Whoever shall make any material misstatement of fact upon his application for license to operate a motor vehicle, or for registration thereof, **application for instruction permit or driver's examination** and whoever shall deceive or substitute, or cause another to deceive or substitute in connection with any examination required, or shall knowingly make use of any registration certificate, number plate or operator's license or badge issued upon an application containing any material false statement of fact shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both. Every such certificate, license plate or badge shall be void from the date of its issue, and shall be surrendered to the Secretary of State upon demand, and any moneys paid for the same shall be forfeited to the State.'

Sec. 10. R. S., T. 36, § 1483, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 1483 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'5. Transporter registration. Vehicles to be lawfully operated on ~~transit~~ **transporter** registration certificates;'