

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 18, 1967

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Beliveau of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Create a Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, c. 2, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 2, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

§ 47. Department

A department of the government of this State to be known as the "Department of Motor Vehicles" is created. The department shall succeed to and is vested with all the powers, duties and jurisdiction now vested in the Secretary of State, as they relate to the Motor Vehicle Division.

§ 48. Office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles

The department shall be under the control of a civil executive officer to be known as the "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles", in this Title called the "Commissioner."

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall be appointed by the Governor, with confirmation by the Executive Council, and his term of office shall coincide with that of the Governor.

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall receive an annual salary of \$14,000.

§ 49. Organization

The commissioner shall organize the department in such manner as he may deem necessary properly to segregate and conduct the work of the department.

The commissioner shall appoint a deputy commissioner subject to the Personnel Law, who shall act with full authority in the absence of the commissioner.

§ 50. Powers and duties

The commissioner is vested with the power and is charged with the duty of observing and administering this Title and of all laws regulating the operation of vehicles or the use of the highways which are now or hereafter vested in the department.

Sec. 2. Intent. It is the intent of this Act to substitute the term "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles" for "Secretary of State", and the term "Department of Motor Vehicles" for "Secretary of State Department" in all references appearing in Title 29. This Act does not create new positions; rather it substitutes "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles" for the current position of "Director of Motor Vehicles", and the position of "Deputy Commissioner" for the current position of "Assistant Director of Motor Vehicles."