

## ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

#### Legislative Document

S. P. 336 Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary Presented by Senator Moore of Cumberland.

## STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a License.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 531-C, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 531-C, to read as follows:

§ 531-C. Operating motor vehicle without a license

Whoever operates or attempts to operate a motor vehicle upon any way when not the holder of a valid operator's license issued by this State or the state of his residence, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both. If the person charged shall exhibit to the summonsing officer, or to a law enforcement officer designated by the summonsing officer, an operator's license, valid at the time of the alleged offense, not later than 24 hours before the time set for the court appearance, then the complaint shall not issue. The failure of the defendant to produce a valid operator's license shall be prima facie evidence that the defendant is not the holder of a valid operator's license. Upon a conviction of a violation of this section, the court shall inquire into the driving record of the defendant and shall consider all previous convictions for the same offense, convictions for driving after suspension or revocation and revocation or suspension of license existing at the time of the offense, in determining punishment.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 2184, repealed. Section 2184 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 2241, amended. Section 2241 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding, after the 2nd paragraph, a new paragraph to read as follows:

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When after notification under this section to a registrant or licensee of the suspension or revocation of any certificate of registration or any license to operate a motor vehicle, sent by registered or certified mail, the certificate of registration or license is not returned to the Secretary of State within 10 days of mailing such notice, the Secretary of State shall then direct the Chief of the State Police to forthwith obtain such certificate of registration or license from the registrant or licensee and deliver it to him, and the Chief of the State Police shall order his subordinate officers to comply with such direction.

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