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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 17, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Increasing Certain Motor Vehicle Registration Fees.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 152, amended. The first 2 sentences of section 152 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

Whoever transfers the ownership or discontinues the use of a registered motor vehicle or trailer and applies to the Secretary of State for registration of another motor vehicle or trailer in the same calendar year shall be entitled to a certificate of registration permitting the use of number plates of the proper class of registration thereon upon payment of a transfer fee of ~~\$2~~ \$5, provided the fee is the same as that of the former vehicle. If the fee for the vehicle to be registered is greater, he shall pay in addition to the transfer fee of ~~\$2~~ \$5 the difference between the fee paid by him for the vehicle first registered and the fee for the vehicle to which the transfer is to be made.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 242, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, amended. The first sentence of paragraph A of subsection 1 of section 242 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Used for the conveyance of passengers, ~~\$15~~ \$20.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 244, sub-§ 1, repealed. Subsection 1 of section 244 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 245 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 29, § 244, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 244 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The ~~minimum~~ fee shall ~~never be less than \$2~~ \$5. The maximum fee for all farm trailers, whether semitrailers or 4-wheeled type, equipped with pneumatic tires, shall be ~~\$2~~ \$5 for each trailer when the said trailers are used and to be used by farmers for the sole and exclusive purpose of transporting their own farm products, crops, fertilizers and farm tools and utensils and subject to the further conditions and limitations that

- A. No such load so transported shall at any time exceed 4 tons; and
- B. No such load shall be transported a distance greater than 20 miles from the point of origin to the point of destination.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 29, § 245, amended. The last paragraph of section 245 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Semitrailer \$5 \$15 each.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 29, § 245-A, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 245-A of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 448 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

The fee for such plate shall be ~~\$5~~ \$15 for each registration year, or portion thereof, for the number of years of valid use from the year of issue to the end of the semipermanent plate program; and there shall be no refund of payment of such fee except as provided in section 154.

Sec. 7. R. S., T. 29, § 245-A, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 245-A of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 448 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

Provisions of this section shall not prohibit the succeeding Legislatures from increasing the base fee of ~~\$5~~ \$15 per year, or portion thereof; and registrants shall make additional payment to the State, under any new rate enacted, for the remaining period of plates originally issued, to the end of the semipermanent plate program.

Sec. 8. R. S., T. 29, § 246, amended. The first 2 paragraphs of section 246 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are further amended to read as follows:

With each application for registration of a motor truck, **truck-tractor or tractor** shall be paid an annual registration fee graduated as follows when equipped with pneumatic tires:

From 0 pounds gross weight to 6,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 15 \$ 18
From 6,001 pounds gross weight to 9,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 20 \$ 24
From 9,001 pounds gross weight to 11,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 35 \$ 42
From 11,001 pounds gross weight to 14,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 60 \$ 72

From 14,001 pounds gross weight to 16,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 80	\$ 96
From 16,001 pounds gross weight to 18,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 100	\$ 120
From 18,001 pounds gross weight to 20,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 125	\$ 150
From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 150	\$ 180
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 175	\$ 210
From 26,001 pounds gross weight to 29,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 214	\$ 256
From 29,001 pounds gross weight to 32,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 244	\$ 289
From 32,001 pounds gross weight to 35,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 268	\$ 321
From 35,001 pounds gross weight to 38,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 294	\$ 353
From 38,001 pounds gross weight to 42,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 321	\$ 385
From 42,001 pounds gross weight to 46,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 348	\$ 417
From 46,001 pounds gross weight to 50,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 375	\$ 450
From 50,001 pounds gross weight to 55,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 415	\$ 498
From 55,001 pounds gross weight to 60,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 455	\$ 546
From 60,001 pounds gross weight to 65,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 495	\$ 593
From 65,001 pounds gross weight to 70,550 pounds gross weight	\$ 545	\$ 654
From 70,551 pounds gross weight to 73,280 pounds gross weight	\$ 600	\$ 720.

The annual fee for registration of farm motor trucks, having 2 or 3 axles, when such trucks are used primarily for transportation of agricultural commodities, supplies or equipment to be used in connection with the operation of a farm or farms owned, operated or occupied by the registrant, shall be as follows:

From 9,001 pounds gross weight to 11,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 21	\$ 25
From 11,001 pounds gross weight to 14,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 32	\$ 38
From 14,001 pounds gross weight to 16,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 43	\$ 52
From 16,001 pounds gross weight to 18,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 64	\$ 77
From 18,001 pounds gross weight to 20,000 pounds		

gross weight	\$ 75	\$ 90
From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds		
gross weight	\$ 90	\$108
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds		
gross weight	\$105	\$126
From 26,001 pounds gross weight to 29,000 pounds		
gross weight	\$125	\$150
From 29,001 pounds gross weight to 32,000 pounds		
gross weight	\$140	\$168.

Sec. 9. R. S., T. 29, § 247, amended. The last paragraph of section 247 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Antique motor vehicles ~~\$7.50~~ \$9 each.

Sec. 10. R. S., T. 29, § 248, amended. The last paragraph of section 248 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Stock race cars \$5 \$6 each.

Sec. 11. R. S., T. 29, § 249, amended. The last paragraph of section 249 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Motorcycles \$5 \$10 each.

FISCAL NOTE

The increases in registration fees as indicated herein would result in additional revenue to the General Highway Fund during the biennium as follows:

1971-72	1972-73
\$5,611,200	\$3,683,300

The 1971-72 estimated revenue includes \$2,000,000 revenue from long-term trailers as the result of the proposed change in R. S., Title 29, section 245-A.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.