

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 2441

S. P. 873

In Senate, January 24, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cyr of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT** Relating to Fees Charged by the Public Utilities Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 35, § 58-A, additional. Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 58-A, to read as follows:

§ 58-A. Fees for filing balance sheets

All public utilities required to file balance sheets under section 58 shall remit a \$5 filing fee with said balance sheet. Said fee is to be utilized in evaluation by commission of financial position of such public utilities. The requirements of this section shall not apply to motor trucks for hire subject to the jurisdiction of the commission pursuant to chapter 93.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 35, § 72, additional. Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 72, to read as follows:

§ 72. Fees for rate changes or discontinued service applications

Whenever the commission receives from a public utility a notice of any change or changes proposed to be made in any schedule of new rates, joint rates, fares, tolls, classifications, charges, rules, regulations or discontinuance of service applications, each application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of processing said application. The requirements of this section shall not apply to motor trucks for hire subject to the jurisdiction of the commission pursuant to chapter 93.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 35, § 1557, sub-§ 2, amended.** The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of subsection 2 of section 1557 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The charge for such vehicle identification device shall be ~~\$5~~ \$10 for each straight truck, so called, and \$10 for each truck tractor, so called, and \$2 shall be charged for each transfer of such identification.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 35, § 1557, sub-§ 4, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 4 of section 1557 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Provided application therefor is filed with the commission prior to the expiration date of a certificate or permit issued by the commission, renewals thereof shall be issued upon application made in accordance with the commission's requirements ~~and upon the payment of the fees prescribed for original applications.~~

#### FISCAL NOTE

Section 1 — loss of revenue \$57,000  
 Section 2 — increase in revenue \$22,000  
 Section 3 — increase in revenue \$1,000  
 Section 4 — increase in revenue \$11,000

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this legislation to implement Recommendation 1, 2, 6 and 7, Public Utilities Commission, Management and Cost Survey Report.

The net result of section 1 through section 4 is to institute fees to adequately cover administrative costs and to develop greater uniformity in the fee structure.

Governor Curtis supported this legislation in his message of January 10, 1974.