

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Jay.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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AN ACT Increasing Motor Vehicle Registration Fees.

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

**Sec. 1.** 29 MRSA § 152, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 588, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 152. Registration in same calendar year; fees and procedure

Whoever transfers the ownership or discontinues the use of a registered motor vehicle, trailer or automobile and applied to the Secretary of State for registration of another motor vehicle, trailer or automobile in the same registration 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 \$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 \$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. The certificate issued for the registration of the former vehicle shall be returned to the Secretary of State, showing that the ownership of such vehicle has been transferred or its use discontinued and that the registration has been canceled.

No portion of any fee once paid in any calendar year shall be repaid to any person, but from March 1st to November 1st in the same calendar year any amount paid for registration of a vehicle shall remain as full credit toward the registration of another vehicle in place of the one represented by the surrendered registration, and from November 1st to the last day of February such credit shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the amount of the original fee, except that the foregoing shall not apply to the registration of automobiles.

No portion of any fee paid for an automobile once paid in any registration year shall be repaid any person but shall remain as full credit towards the registration of another vehicle, in place of the one represented by the surrendered registration. For the last 4 months in the same registration year such credit shall not exceed 1/2 the amount of the original fee.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 242, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as last amended by PL 1965, c. 304, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

- A. Used for the conveyance of passengers:
  - o horsepower to and including 35 horsepower \$18
  - Over 35 horsepower, model year 5 or more years old \$18
  - or model year less than 5 years old \$25

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 244, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1965, c. 18, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The annual fees for the registration of trailers and camp trailers shall be in accordance with this section and shall accompany the application for registration.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 244, sub-§ 1, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 245, § 8, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

1. The fee shall be \$5 for a gross weight not to exceed 2,000 pounds. The maximum fee for all farm trailers, whether semitrailers or 4-wheeled type, equipped with pneumatic tires, shall be \$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. 29 MRSA § 244, 5th ¶, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 245, § 9, is amended to read:

Camp trailers, registered in excess of 2,000 lbs. gross weight, shall be assessed a registration fee of ~~\$5~~ \$10.

Sec. 5-A. 29 MRSA § 245 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 245. —semitrailers

The annual fees for the registration of semitrailers shall be in accordance with this section and shall accompany the application for registration.

Semitrailer ..... \$10 each

Sec. 6. 29 MRSA § 245-A, 4th sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 133, is further amended to read:

The fee for such plate shall be ~~\$5~~ \$10 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.

**Sec. 6-A.** 29 MRSA § 245-A, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 448, § 1, is amended to read:

Provisions of this section shall not prohibit the succeeding Legislatures from increasing the base fee of ~~§5~~ \$10 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. 7.** 29 MRSA § 246, first 2 ¶¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 469, § 4, are further amended to read:

With each application for registration of a motor truck, tractors and truck tractors 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 . . . .	<del>\$15</del>	\$25
From 6,001 pounds gross weight to 9,000 pounds gross weight .	<del>\$20</del>	\$30
From 9,001 pounds gross weight to 11,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$35</del>	\$40
From 11,001 pounds gross weight to 14,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$60</del>	\$70
From 14,001 pounds gross weight to 16,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$80</del>	\$90
From 16,001 pounds gross weight to 18,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$100</del>	\$115
From 18,001 pounds gross weight to 20,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$125</del>	\$145
From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$150</del>	\$175
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$175</del>	\$200
From 26,001 pounds gross weight to 29,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$211</del>	\$245
From 29,001 pounds gross weight to 32,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$241</del>	\$275
From 32,001 pounds gross weight to 35,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$268</del>	\$310
From 35,001 pounds gross weight to 38,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$294</del>	\$340
From 38,001 pounds gross weight to 42,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$321</del>	\$370
From 42,001 pounds gross weight to 46,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$348</del>	\$400
From 46,001 pounds gross weight to 50,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$375</del>	\$430
From 50,001 pounds gross weight to 55,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$415</del>	\$475
From 55,001 pounds gross weight to 60,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$455</del>	\$525
From 60,001 pounds gross weight to 65,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$495</del>	\$570
From 65,001 pounds gross weight to 70,550 pounds gross weight	<del>\$545</del>	\$625
From 70,551 pounds gross weight to 73,280 pounds gross weight	<del>\$600</del>	\$690

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	<del>\$21</del>	\$25
From 11,001 pounds gross weight to 14,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$32</del>	\$35
From 14,001 pounds gross weight to 16,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$43</del>	\$50
From 16,001 pounds gross weight to 18,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$64</del>	\$75
From 18,001 pounds gross weight to 20,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$75</del>	\$85
From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$90</del>	\$105
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$105</del>	\$120
From 26,001 pounds gross weight to 29,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$125</del>	\$145
From 29,001 pounds gross weight to 32,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$140</del>	\$160
From 32,001 pounds gross weight to 35,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$200</del>	\$230
From 35,001 pounds gross weight to 38,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$220</del>	\$255
From 38,001 pounds gross weight to 42,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$240</del>	\$275
From 42,001 pounds gross weight to 46,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$260</del>	\$300
From 46,001 pounds gross weight to 50,000 pounds gross weight	<del>\$280</del>	\$320

Sec. 8. 29 MRSA § 249 is amended to read :

§ 249. Motorcycles

The annual fee for the registration of motorcycles shall be in accordance with this section and shall accompany the application for registration.

Motorcycles ..... \$5 each \$10 each.

FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that this legislation would increase revenue to the General Highway Fund by approximately \$14.6 million during the 2 fiscal years 1976 and 1977.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would increase motor vehicle registration fees for automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, trailers and semitrailers.