

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 552

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT to amend chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes relating to registering, numbering and regulating the speed of automobiles and motor vehicles and for licensing the operator thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding the following sections:

Section 17. All automobiles and motor vehicles shall be registered by the owner or person in control thereof in accordance with the provisions of this act. Application for such registration may be made, by mail or otherwise, to the

7 secretary of State upon blanks prepared under his authority.
8 The application shall, in addition to such other particulars
9 as may be required by said secretary, contain a statement of
10 the name, place of residence and address of the applicant,
11 with a brief description of the automobile or motor vehicle,
12 including the name of the maker, the number, if any, affixed
13 by the maker, the character of the motor power and the
14 amount of such motor power stated in figures of horse
15 power; and with such application shall be deposited a regis-
16 tration fee of two dollars. The said secretary shall then
17 register, in a book to be kept for the purpose, the automo-
18 bile or motor vehicle described in the application, giving to
19 such automobile or motor vehicle a distinguishing number
20 or other mark, and shall thereupon issue to the applicant a
21 certificate of registration. Said certificate shall contain the
22 name, place of residence and address of the applicant, and
23 the registered number or mark, shall prescribe the manner
24 in which said registered number or mark shall be inscribed
25 or displayed upon the automobile or motor vehicle, and
26 shall be in such form as the secretary may determine. The
27 secretary of State shall also furnish the applicant two
28 enamelled iron plates containing the word "Maine" in letters
29 not less than one inch in height and the number of registra-
30 tion in Arabic numerals not less than four inches in height.
31 The number plates must be attached to the front and back of
32 automobiles and one number plate must be attached to the
33 back of motor cycles. On both automobiles and motor
34 cycles the numbers must be so placed as to be always plainly
35 visible. A proper record of all applications and of all cer-
36 tificates issued shall be kept by the secretary of State in his
37 office and shall be open to the inspection of any person dur-
38 ing reasonable business hours. The certificate of registra-
39 tion shall always be carried in some easily accessible place in

40 the automobile or motor vehicle described therein. Upon
41 the sale of any automobile or motor vehicle its registration
42 shall expire, and the vendor shall immediately return the
43 certificate of registration to the secretary of State, with
44 notice of sale, and of the name, place of residence and
45 address of the vendee.

Sect. 18. Every manufacturer of or dealer in automo-
47 biles or motor vehicles, may instead of registering each
48 automobile or motor vehicle owned or controlled by him,
49 make application upon a blank provided by said secretary of
50 State for a general distinguishing number or mark, and said
51 secretary may, if satisfied of the facts stated in said applica-
52 tion, grant said application, and issue to the applicant a
53 certificate of registration containing the name, place of
54 residence and address of the applicant, and the general dis-
55 tinguishing number or mark assigned to him, and made in
56 such form as said secretary of State may determine; and all
57 automobiles and motor vehicles owned and controlled by
58 such manufacturer or dealer, shall, until sold or let for hire
59 or loaned for a period of more than five successive days, be
60 regarded as registered under such general distinguishing
61 number or mark. The fee for every such license shall be
62 ten dollars.

Sect. 19. Licenses for operating automobiles and motor
64 vehicles shall be issued by the secretary of State. Applica-
65 tion shall be made upon blanks prepared by the secretary of
66 State for this purpose, and the licenses issued shall be in
67 such form and shall contain such provisions as said secre-
68 tary of State may determine. To such licensee shall be
69 assigned some distinguishing number or mark, and a proper
70 record of all applications for license and of all licenses issued
71 shall be kept by the secretary of State at his office, and shall
72 be open to the inspection of any person during reasonable

73 business hours. Each license shall state the time, place of
74 residence of the licensee and the distinguishing number or
75 mark assigned to him. The fee for each license to operate
76 shall be two dollars. All fees shall be deposited at the time
77 of making the application. The secretary of State may at
78 any time suspend or revoke any license for any violation of
79 this act or regulation made thereunder. Before a license to
80 operate is granted, the applicant shall present such evidence
81 as to his qualifications as may be required by the secretary
82 of State.

Sect. 20. Except as otherwise provided herein no auto-
84 mobile or motor vehicle after the first day of June, 1905,
85 shall be operated upon any highway, townway, public street,
86 avenue, driveway, park or parkway, unless registered as
87 heretofore provided, and no person shall on or after the first
88 day of June in the year 1905, operate an automobile or
89 motor vehicle upon any highway, townway, public street,
90 avenue, driveway, park or parkway, unless licensed to do so
91 under the provisions of this act.

Sect. 21. Automobiles or motor vehicles owned by non-
93 residents of this State and driven by a person licensed in
94 this or in some other state may be operated on the roads and
95 highways of this State unless prohibited by special law or
96 town ordinance duly authorized by the legislature, subject,
97 however, to the provisions of sections, seven, eight, nine,
98 ten, eleven, and twelve, and provided that such person shall
99 show in front and at the back of his automobile and at the
100 back of his motor cycle the registration number granted him
101 in such other state, and the name of the other state in
102 Arabic letters at least one inch high. The provisions of
103 this and the preceding sections shall not prevent the operat-
104 ing of automobiles by unlicensed persons if riding with or
105 accompanied by a licensed operator.

Sect. 22. Whoever violates any provision of the five
107 preceding sections shall be punished by fine not exceeding
108 fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding ten days.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 16, 1905.

Reported by Mr. HALE from Committee on Judiciary and ordered
printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*