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STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to require certain vehicles to carry lights at night on public highways and bridges.

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

Section I. Every vehicle on wheels whether stationary 2 or in motion, on any public highway or bridge, shall have 3 attached to it a light or lights which shall be so displayed 4 as to be visible from the front and the rear during the 5 period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sun-6 rise: Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to 7 any vehicle which is designed to be propelled by hand, or 8 to any vehicle while upon any lighted street or highway 9 where street lights are maintained at a distance of five 10 hundred feet apart or less, or to any vehicle designed for 11 the transportation, as its principal freight, of hay or straw 12 while loaded with such freight.

Sect. 2. Upon the written application and presentation 2 of reasons therefor by the owner of a vehicle, the Maine 3 highway department may, in writing, in such form and sub-4 ject to such requirements as it may elect, and without ex-5 pense to the applicant, exempt said vehicle from the pro-6 visions of this act for such period of time as said commis-7 sion may elect.

Sect. 3. Any person who, while driving or in charge of 2 or occupying a vehicle during the period from one hour 3 after sunset to one hour before sunrise, shall refuse, when 4 requested by a police officer, to give correctly his name and 5 address, shall be punished as provided in section six of this 6 act.

Sect. 4. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed 2 to affect the provisions of any existing statute, rule or reg-3 ulation requiring lighted lamps on motor vehicles and the 4 obligations of operators or occupants thereof.

Sect. 5. The driver or custodian of a vehicle shall be 2 deemed to be the responsible party and liable to the penalty 3 as provided in this act for a violation thereof.

Sect. 6. Any person violating the provisions of this act 2 shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five dollars, to be 3 recovered on complaint before any trial justice or munici-4 pal court, in which complaint, the complainant must aver 5 as a material allegation, that within three months next prior 6 to the commission of the offense, he had notified the ac-7 cused in writing of the requirements of this act.