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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicle Laws of 1911.

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

Section 1. In the first paragraph of section eight insert
2 the words 'when new' after the word "maker" in the third
3 line from the last.

In the first line of the second paragraph of said section
5 strike out the word "five" and insert the words 'seven and
6 one-half.'

In the first line of the third paragraph of said section
8 strike out the word "ten" and insert the word 'fifteen.'

In the first line of the fourth paragraph of said section

10 strike out the word "fifteen" and insert the word 'twenty-
11 five.'

In the first line of the fifth paragraph^b of said section strike
13 out the word "ten" and insert the word 'fifteen.'

Strike out the word "three" in the sixth paragraph and
15 insert the word 'five.'

Strike out the word "ten" in the seventh paragraph and
17 insert the word 'fifteen.'

After the seventh paragraph insert the following: 'the
19 registration fees as provided in this section shall apply to
20 new motor vehicles only; and there shall be an annual re-
21 duction of twenty per cent. from these registration fees for
22 each succeeding year thereafter, for the first three years;
23 thus any person making application for registration of a
24 motor vehicle on its second year of service will deduct
25 twenty per cent. from the above stated fees; if for a motor
26 vehicle on its third year of service he may deduct forty per
27 cent. and if on its fourth year, he may deduct sixty per cent.
28 There will be no further reduction in the fee after the fourth
29 year.'

In the tenth paragraph of section eight after the word
31 "vendee" in the second line from the last insert the follow-
32 ing: 'It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to ac-
33 quaint all owners of motor vehicles of the importance of
34 this act and to call their attention to the penalty attached
35 for failure to comply with this requirement. It shall also
36 become his duty to follow up all reports of such sales of

37 motor vehicles to the end that due registration be made by
38 the vendees,' so that said section eight with these various
39 changes will read as follows:

'All motor vehicles shall be registered by the owner or
41 person in control thereof in accordance with the provisions
42 of this act. Application for such registration may be made
43 by mail or otherwise to the secretary of state upon blanks
44 prepared under his authority. The application shall, in
45 addition to such other particulars as may be required by
46 said secretary, contain a statement of the name, place of
47 residence and address of the applicant, with a brief descrip-
48 tion of the motor vehicle, including the name of the maker,
49 when new, the number if any, affixed by the maker, the
50 character of the motive power and the amount of such
51 power, stated in figures of horse power, and with such ap-
52 plication shall be deposited an annual registration fee of:

'Seven and one-half dollars for automobiles (used for con-
54 veyance of persons for hire, pleasure or business), of twenty
55 horse power and under.

'Fifteen dollars for automobiles (used for conveyance of
57 persons, for hire, pleasure or business), between twenty
58 horse power and including thirty-five horse power.

'Twenty-five dollars for automobiles (used for conveyance
60 of persons, for hire, pleasure or business), over thirty-five
61 horse power.

'Fifteen dollars for motor trucks or automobiles (used for
63 commercial purposes).

'Five dollars for motor cycles (used for pleasure or business).
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'Fifteen dollars for traction engines or log haulers (used
67 for commercial purposes).

'The registration fees as provided in this section shall
69 apply to new motor vehicles only, and there shall be an
70 annual reduction of twenty per cent. from these registration
71 fees for each succeeding year thereafter, for the first
72 three years; thus any person making application for registration
73 of a motor vehicle on its second year of service will
74 deduct twenty per cent. from the above stated fees; if for
75 a motor vehicle on its third year of service he may deduct
76 forty per cent. and if on its fourth year, he may deduct
77 sixty per cent. There will be no further reduction in the
78 fee after the fourth year.

'The above horse power shall be based on the "A-L-A-M"
80 standard, so-called. Application for registration, applied
81 for by an owner of an automobile, a resident of this state,
82 not including motor cycle, log hauler or traction engine,
83 during the periods between the first day of October and
84 ending December thirty-first in any year after nineteen hundred
85 and eleven, one-half of the registration fee.

'The secretary of state upon granting the application shall
87 register in a book or upon suitable index cards to be kept
88 for the purpose, the motor vehicle described in the application,
89 giving to the owner of such motor vehicle a distinguishing
90 number or other mark and shall thereupon issue

91 to the applicant a certificate of registration, said certificate
92 shall contain the name, place of residence and address of
93 the applicant, and the registered number or mark shall pre-
94 scribe the manner in which said registered number or mark
95 shall be inscribed or displayed on the motor vehicle and
96 shall be in such form as the secretary may determine.

“The secretary of state shall also furnish the applicant two
98 enamel iron plates, containing the word “Maine” to be not
99 less than one inch in height and the number of the regis-
100 tration in Arabic numerals not less than four inches in
101 height. The number plates must be attached to the front
102 and rear of automobiles, auto trucks and traction engines.
103 Motor cycles will be provided with a registration seal or
104 other distinguishing mark as may be determined by the
105 secretary of state. The number for motor cycles must
106 be so placed as to be always plainly visible. A proper
107 record of all applications for registration and of all cer-
108 tificates issued shall be kept by the secretary of state in
109 his office and shall be open to the inspection of any person
110 during reasonable hours. The certificate of registration
111 shall always be carried on the person or in some easily
112 accessible place in or about the motor vehicle. Upon the
113 sale of any motor vehicle, registration shall expire and the
114 vendor shall immediately return the certificate of regis-
115 tration to the secretary of state, with notice of sale and
116 the name, place and residence and address of the vendee.
117 It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to acquaint

118 all owners of motor vehicles of the importance of this act
119 and to call their attention to the penalty attached for fail-
120 ure to comply with this requirement. It shall also be
121 come his duty to follow up all reports of such sales of
122 motor vehicles to the end that due registration be made
123 by the vendees. Registration plates, seal, or other dis-
124 tinguishing mark for automobiles, motor cycles and trac-
125 tion engines shall be furnished free; from the office of the
126 secretary of state.

‘A motor cycle that has been registered in accordance with
128 this section, may be operated by the owner of such motor
129 cycle without a license and the certificate of registration
130 shall be evidence of the right to operate. To replace lost
131 or mutilated plates, seventy-five cents each. The express
132 charge for delivery of registration plates to be paid for by
133 the receiver.’

Sect. 2. After the third paragraph of section nine insert
2 the following paragraph: ‘Any dealer who may loan a set
3 of registration number plates to any person not a dealer,
4 to be used on a motor vehicle not registered in accordance
5 with the provisions of section eight of this act, shall, upon
6 sufficient proof of having thus loaned such plates, be re-
7 quired to surrender his certificate of registration; and it
8 shall be the duty of the secretary of state to impress upon
9 each dealer holding a certificate of registration the neces-
10 sity of strictly complying with this provision.’