

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 317

In Senate, Feb. 14, 1913.

Presented by Senator Clark of York, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT relating to the registering and numbering of power
boats operated on the inland waters of the State.

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

Section 1. All power boats used on inland waters of the
2 state and propelled by gas or electric power, shall be regis-
3 tered and numbered in accordance with the provisions of
4 this act. No person or corporation shall use or operate on
5 any of the inland waters of the state any such boat not so
6 registered and numbered. Application for registration may
7 be made by mail or otherwise to the secretary of state upon
8 blanks prepared under his authority. The application shall,

9 in addition to such other particulars as may be required by
10 said secretary, contain the name, place of residence, and
11 address of the owner of said boat, together with a brief
12 description of the boat to be registered, including the name
13 of the maker, the number, if any, affixed by the maker, the
14 character of the motor power thereof, the length of said
15 boat on the water line, horse power of the engine or motor,
16 and the address to which the enamelled iron plate, herein-
17 after described, is desired to be sent. A fee of \$2.00 shall
18 accompany such application in case the horse power of the
19 boat's engine to be registered does not exceed 5 H. P.,
20 \$3.50 if such engine exceeds 5 H. P. and does not exceed
21 10 H. P., and of \$5.00 if such engine exceeds 10 H. P.

The secretary of state upon receipt of the application duly
23 made and the fee as herein provided shall register in a book
24 to be kept for the purpose, the boat described in the appli-
25 cation, giving to such boat a distinguishing number and
26 shall thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of regis-
27 tration. Said certificate shall contain the name, place of
28 residence of the owner, and the registered number of said
29 boat, the length thereof on the water line, the horse power,
30 the year of the registration and such other particulars as
31 said secretary may deem necessary, and said certificate shall
32 be in such form as the secretary may determine. The sec-
33 retary of state shall also furnish the applicant, transporta-
34 tion prepaid, one enamelled iron plate on which shall be
35 inscribed the year in which such certificate was issued, and

36 said distinguishing number together with such other figures,
37 letters, or device as the secretary may designate. Said
38 enamelled iron plate shall be attached to the rear or stern
39 of said boat in some conspicuous place so as to be plainly
40 visible at all times and readily seen and distinguished by
41 a person at the rear of said boat. A proper record of all
42 applications and of all certificates issued shall be kept by
43 the secretary of state in his office and shall be open to the
44 inspection of any person during reasonable business hours.
45 The certificate of registration shall always be carried in
46 some easily accessible place aboard the boat described there-
47 in and the person in charge of said boat shall upon request,
48 exhibit the same to any officer empowered to enforce the
49 provisions of this act. All such registrations shall expire
50 upon the 31st day of December following the date of their
51 issue, and said registration or number plate shall not be
52 transferable from one boat to another. Immediately upon
53 the sale of the boat described therein, the vendor shall send
54 notice of sale to the secretary of state together with the
55 name, place of residence, and address of the vendee.

Sect. 2. Every person being the owner of, at the time this
2 act takes effect, or thereafter acquiring the ownership of
3 a boat requiring registration hereunder, shall immediately
4 cause the same to be registered in compliance herewith. All
5 boats requiring registration shall thereafter annually upon
6 the first day of January, be registered in accordance with
7 this act.

Sect. 3. Every boat requiring registration hereunder, having any person on board thereof between the time from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, shall carry a lighted light or lighted lights plainly visible from all directions. Any operator on board such boat not so lighted during the time aforesaid, and the owner of such boat not so lighted having any person on board during said time is guilty of a violation of this act.

Sect. 4. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than \$5.00 nor exceeding \$25.00 for each violation thereof and each day during which the terms of this act are not fully complied with shall be deemed a separate offence.

Sect. 5. Said secretary of state shall keep proper accounts of all money received under the provisions of this act and shall pay to the treasurer of the state on the first day of each month all money received under the provisions of this act.

Sect. 6. Said act shall not have jurisdiction over waters which are under the jurisdiction of the United States government.

Sect. 7. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, in their respective jurisdiction and game wardens throughout the state shall have authority to enforce the provisions hereof.