

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 170

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Googin of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to amend section twenty-three of chapter twenty-six of the Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen relating to the registration of Motor Vehicles.

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

Section twenty-three of chapter twenty-six of the Revised
2 Statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen is hereby amended by
3 striking out the word "twenty" in the fourteenth line of
4 said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'fif-
5 teenth' and also by striking out the word "twenty" in the
6 sixteenth line of said section and inserting in place thereof

7 the word 'fifteen' so that said section as amended shall
8 read as follows:

'Sect. 23. All motor vehicles shall be registered by the
2 owner or person in control thereof in accordance with the
3 provisions of this section, and the following sections. Ap-
4 plication for such registration may be made by mail or
5 otherwise to the secretary of state upon blanks prepared
6 under his authority. The application, shall, in addition to
7 such other particulars as may be required by said secre-
8 tary, contain a statement of the name, place of residence
9 and address of the applicant with a brief description of
10 the motor vehicle, including the name of the maker, the
11 number if any affixed by the maker, the character of the
12 motive power and the amount of such power stated in fig-
13 ures of horse power and with such application shall be de-
14 posited an annual registration fee of five dollars for auto-
15 mobiles (used for conveyance of persons for hire, pleasure
16 or business), of fifteen horse power and under, ten dollars
17 for automobiles (used for conveyance of persons for hire,
18 pleasure or business), between fifteen horse power, includ-
19 ing thirty-five horse power. Fifteen dollars for automo-
20 biles (used for conveyance of persons for hire, pleasure or
21 business) over thirty-five horse power. Ten dollars for
22 motor trucks or automobiles (used for commercial pur-
23 poses). Three dollars for motorcycles, (used for pleasure
24 or business). Ten dollars for traction engines or log haul-
25 ers (used for commercial purposes).

The above horsepower shall be based on the "A. L. A. M." Standard, so called. On any application for registration, applied for by an owner, a resident of this state, of an automobile, not including motorcycle, log hauler, or traction engine, during the period between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of December in any year, one-half of the registration fee shall be charged.

The secretary of state upon granting the application shall register in a book or upon suitable index cards to be kept for the purpose, the motor vehicle described in the application, giving to the owner of such motor vehicle a distinguishing number or other mark and shall thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of registration which shall contain the name, place of residence and address of the applicant and the registered number or mark, shall prescribe the manner in which said registered number or mark shall be inscribed or displayed on the motor vehicle and shall be in such form as the secretary may determine.

The secretary of state shall also furnish the applicant, two enameled iron plates, containing the word "Maine" in letters not less than one inch in height, and the number of the registration in Arabic numerals not less than four inches in height. The number plates must be attached to the front and rear of the automobiles, auto trucks and traction engines. Motor cycles will be provided with a registration seal or other distinguishing mark as may be determined by the secretary of state.

The number for motor cycles must be so placed as to be
2 always plainly visible. A proper record of all applications
3 for registration and of all certificates issued shall be kept
4 by the secretary of state in his office and shall be open to
5 the inspection of any person during reasonable hours.

The certificate of registration shall always be carried on
2 the person or in some easily accessible place in or about
3 the motor vehicle.

Upon the sale of any motor vehicle, registration shall ex-
2 pire and the vendor shall immediately return the certificate
3 of registration to the secretary of state, with notice of sale
4 and the name, place of residence and address of the vendee.

Registration plates, seal or other distinguishing mark for
2 automobiles, motor cycles and traction engines shall be fur-
3 nished free from the office of the secretary of state.

The express charge for delivery of registration plates shall
2 be paid by the receiver.

Plates lost or mutilated may be replaced for seventy-five
2 cents each.

A motor cycle that has been registered in accordance with
2 this section may be operated by the owner of such motor
3 cycle without a license and the certificate of registration
4 shall be evidence of the right to operate.'