

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 209

In Senate, March 13, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and 500 ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Googin of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for the Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities
Commission over Certain Motor Vehicles.

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

Section 1. The Public Utilities Commission shall have
2 jurisdiction over every person, firm or corporation operat-
3 ing any motor vehicle upon any public street or highway
4 for the carrying of passengers for hire and in such man-
5 ner as to afford a means of transportation similar to that
6 offered by street railways, and commonly known as jit-
7 neys.

Sect. 2. Said commission is hereby authorized to make
2 from time to time rules and regulations governing the

3 operation of said motor vehicles, which shall include pro-
4 visions concerning the route of operation, schedule to be
5 operated and maintained, rates of fare to be charged for
6 the carriage of passengers, the safeguarding of passengers
7 and other persons using the streets and highways, filing
8 of bond or insurance policies to pay judgments recovered,
9 due to negligence, and such other reasonable regulations
10 as may be deemed necessary for the safety or convenience
11 of the public.

Sect. 3. Nothing herein contained shall exempt any per-
2 son, firm or corporation owning or operating said motor
3 vehicle or vehicles from complying with existing statutes
4 relating to the ownership, registration and operation of
5 motor vehicles in this state as defined in chapter 26 of the
6 revised statutes.

Sect. 4. Any person, firm or corporation operating such
2 motor vehicle or vehicles on any street or highway in any
3 city or town of this state, failing to comply with any rules
4 or regulations made by said Public Utilities Commission
5 shall be subject to the penalties provided in sections 63 to
6 67 both inclusive of chapter 55 of the revised statutes.