

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 4

House of Representatives, January 11, 1921.

On motion of Mr. Forbes of Paris tabled pending reference to committee and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wilson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

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 jurisdiction over every person, firm or corporation operating any motor vehicle upon any public street or highway for the carrying of passengers for hire and in such manner as to afford a means of transportation similar to that offered by street railways, and commonly known as a jitney or jitney bus.

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

3 tion of said motor vehicles, which shall include provisions
4 concerning the route of operation, schedule to be operated
5 and maintained, rates of fare to be charged for the carriage
6 of passengers, the safeguarding of passengers and other per-
7 sons using the streets and highways, filing of bond or in-
8 surance policies to pay judgments recovered, due to negli-
9 gence, and such other reasonable regulations as may be
10 deemed necessary for the safety or convenience of the
11 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. No person, firm or corporation shall operate
2 such motor vehicle or vehicles on any street or highway
3 in any city or town of this state, without obtaining from
4 the public utilities commission, a certificate permitting such
5 operation. Any person, firm or corporation violating the
6 provisions of this section forfeits to the state one hundred
7 dollars for each offense, to be recovered in an action on
8 the case, or by complaint and indictment, and the attorney
9 general shall institute proceedings to recover same.

Sect. 5. 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 shall
5 be subject to the penalties provided in sections 63 to 67 both
6 inclusive of chapter 55 of the revised statutes.