

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 278

House of Representatives, March 11, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Forbes from Committee on Public Utilities
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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 jitney or jitney bus, operating regularly over routes between points within this state.

Sect. 2. Said commission is hereby authorized to make
2 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 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 mo-
5 tor vehicles in this state as defined in chapter twenty-six
6 of the revised statutes.

Sect. 4. No person, firm or corporation shall operate such
2 motor vehicle or vehicles on any street or highway in any
3 city or town of this state, without obtaining from the public
4 utilities commission, a certificate permitting such operation.
5 Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of
6 this section forfeits to the state one hundred dollars for each
7 offense, to be recovered in an action on the case, or by com-
8 plaint and indictment, and the attorney general shall insti-
9 tute 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 or
4 regulations made by said public utilities commission shall be
5 subject to the penalties provided in section 63 to 67 both
6 inclusive of chapter 55 of the revised statutes.