

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 172

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relative to Motor Vehicles, Neutral Zone, and to
Revise and Amend Sections Seventy-five and Thirty-four of
Chapter Two Hundred and Eleven of the Public Laws of
1921.

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

Section 1. Section seventy-five of chapter two hundred
2 and eleven of public laws of 1921 is hereby amended by
3 striking out the words "except a truck, tractor or trailer"
4 in the second line thereof and also in the fourth line thereof,
5 and substituting in each case therefor the words 'except
6 a tractor,' so that said section as amended shall read as
7 follows:

'Sect. 75. Neutral zone; permitting operation of motor
2 vehicle, except a tractor, by resident of adjoining state

3 living within fifteen miles of the border, under a special
4 permit.

‘Any motor vehicle, except a tractor, used for commercial
2 purposes as specified in section thirty-four, owned by a non-
3 resident of this state who has complied with the laws of the
4 state of his residence relating to registration and licensing
5 of motor vehicles, and who has a bona fide actual residence
6 in a state granting like privileges to residents of this state,
7 which residence is located within fifteen miles by highway
8 of the border line of this state, may be operated upon any
9 highways of this state distant not more than fifteen miles
10 from said border line, if such motor vehicle is duly regis-
11 tered in the state of its owner’s residence and the fee re-
12 quired therefor is paid and such motor vehicle is duly
13 registered by the secretary. The secretary shall furnish,
14 upon payment of two dollars, to every person whose motor
15 vehicle is registered as aforesaid, a metal tag of such design
16 and shape as the secretary may prescribe, having displayed
17 upon it the number assigned to such motor vehicle, the
18 letters “Me.” and figures showing the year of issue; but no
19 such tag shall be furnished for motor cycles. Such tag
20 shall at all times be conspicuously displayed on the front
21 of such motor vehicle, in addition to its register number
22 plates. Application for registration under the provision of
23 this section shall be verified by the oath of the applicant
24 and shall be made upon blanks furnished by the secretary.
25 The application shall, in addition to such other particulars

26 as may be required by said secretary, contain a statement
27 of the name, place of residence and address together with
28 a brief description of the motor vehicle, which shall include
29 the maker's number and the registration number which has
30 been assigned to it in the state of the owner's residence.
31 The secretary, upon granting the application, shall register
32 in a book or upon suitable index cards to be kept for that
33 purpose, the motor vehicle described in the application and
34 thereupon shall issue to the applicant a certificate of regis-
35 tration, which shall contain such facts and which shall be
36 in such form as the secretary may determine. Every regis-
37 tration under the provisions of this section shall expire with
38 each calendar year.'

Sect. 2. Section thirty-four of chapter two hundred and
2 eleven of public laws of 1921 is hereby amended by adding
3 after the word "thereof" in the twenty-ninth line thereof,
4 the following words 'except those which have been regis-
5 tered under the provisions of section seventy-five of this
6 chapter,' so that said section as amended shall read as
7 follows:

'Sect. 34. Non-resident not to operate motor truck, trailer
2 or tractor in state without Maine registration; temporary
3 registration may be issued; pleasure car allowed thirty days
4 in state without Maine registration if vehicle is registered
5 under laws of another state. Non-residents may operate
6 motor vehicles and trailers, except those hereinafter enu-
7 merated in this section, on the ways in this state for not

8 exceeding thirty days in any one year without registration,
9 provided such vehicles are registered in some other state
10 or country and have attached thereto registration plates,
11 and are driven by persons licensed to operate in this or
12 some other state or country. Previous to the expiration of
13 said thirty days, if the owner of any such vehicle is to
14 continue its operation within this state, he shall make appli-
15 cation to the secretary for registration thereof in accord-
16 ance with section forty-three and pay the fee required of
17 resident owners.

‘On receipt of the fee, the secretary shall furnish said
2 non-resident a certificate of registration and appropriate
3 number plates, free of expense, which plates shall be at-
4 tached to the vehicle as required by section forty-eight, and
5 remain there as long as such vehicle is operated in this
6 state in the year during which said certificate is issued;
7 provided, however, that on applications for registration by
8 such non-residents during the period between the first day
9 of October and the thirty-first day of December in any
10 year, one-half of said registration fee shall be charged.
11 Any motor cycle or side car owned by a non-resident op-
12 erated by a person registered and authorized to operate it
13 in this or some other state or country, having a registration
14 plate or other distinguishing mark attached to the motor
15 cycle may be operated on the ways of this state for not
16 more than thirty days in the aggregate before registration.
17 Provided, however, that no motor truck, tractor or trailer

18 used for commercial purposes and owned either by a resi-
19 dent of this state or a non-resident thereof, except those
20 which have been registered under the provisions of section
21 seventy-five of this chapter, shall be operated over any ways
22 or bridges except and until such vehicle is registered and
23 the registration fee paid as provided by statute for the
24 registration of vehicles with like capacity and character
25 owned in this state; but registration and license evidenced
26 by an appropriate plate or tag attached to the vehicle may
27 be issued to operate it for not exceeding five days in any
28 one year upon payment of one-fourth of the fee required
29 for annual registration of such vehicle; or, for not exceed-
30 ing ten days, upon payment of one-third of such annual
31 registration. A non-resident may at any time apply for
32 and obtain annual registration of such vehicle by paying
33 the difference between the fee for such short term regis-
34 tration and the fee required for its annual registration.

‘Such vehicle when registered as required by this section
2 may be operated by persons licensed to operate it according
3 to the laws of this or some other state or country, and may
4 display their register plates in addition to the plates of
5 this state as required by this act.’