

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 235**

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House of Representatives, March 2, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hale of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Require the Bonding or Insuring of Public Motor  
Vehicles.

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

Section 1. Every person, firm, association or corporation  
2 engaged in business of carrying or transporting passengers  
3 for hire in any motor vehicle, except street cars and jitney  
4 busses, so-called, operating regularly over routes between  
5 points in this state, and subject to the jurisdiction of the  
6 public utilities commission, upon or along any public street  
7 in a city of over five thousand inhabitants, shall deposit  
8 and file with the secretary of state for each motor vehicle  
9 intended to be so operated, a corporate surety bond or a

10 policy of insurance in a solvent and responsible company,  
11 authorized to do business in the state, approved by the  
12 secretary of state in the sum of two thousand five hundred  
13 dollars, conditioned for the payment of any judgment re-  
14 covered against such person, firm, association or corpora-  
15 tion for death or injury to persons or property caused in  
16 the operation or defective construction of such motor  
17 vehicle. Such bond or policy of insurance shall contain a  
18 provision for a continuing liability thereunder notwith-  
19 standing any recovery thereon. If, at any time, in the  
20 judgment of the secretary of state such bond or policy is  
21 not sufficient for any cause, the secretary of state may  
22 require the owner of such motor vehicle to replace such  
23 bond or policy by another approved by him. Upon the  
24 acceptance of a bond or policy, pursuant to this section,  
25 the secretary of state shall issue to the owner of such  
26 motor vehicle a certificate describing such vehicle, and  
27 stating that the owner thereof has filed a bond or policy,  
28 as the case may be, required by this section.

The surety upon any bond filed pursuant to this section  
2 or an insurance company, whose policy has been so filed,  
3 may file in the office of the secretary of state a written  
4 notice that from the expiration of twenty days from such  
5 filing, such surety will cease to be liable upon such bond,  
6 or in the case of such insurance company that upon the  
7 expiration of such time such policy will be cancelled. The  
8 secretary of state shall thereupon notify the owner of such

9 motor vehicle of the filing of such notice, and unless such  
10 owner shall file a new bond or insurance policy as herein-  
11 above provided within such time as shall be specified by the  
12 secretary of state, such owner shall cease to operate or  
13 cause such motor vehicle to be operated in such city, and  
14 the registration of such motor vehicle shall be automatically  
15 revoked.

Any person, firm, association or corporation operating a  
2 motor vehicle without such bond or insurance policy in  
3 contravention of this statute shall be liable to a fine of not  
4 more than a thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for not  
5 more than one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.