

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 268

H. D. No. 49

House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Frost of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Fifty-three of Chapter Two Hun-
dred Eleven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and
Twenty-one.

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

Section fifty-three of chapter two hundred eleven of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby
3 amended by striking out all of said section, and substituting
4 therefor the following section, so that said section, as amend-
5 ed, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 53. Every manufacturer or dealer in new motor
2 vehicles or trailers, may, instead of registering each vehicle
3 owned or controlled by him, make application under oath

4 upon a blank provided by the secretary for a general dis-
5 tinguishing number, color or mark. The secretary may, if
6 satisfied with the facts stated in the application, grant the
7 application and issue to the applicant a certificate of regis-
8 tration, containing the name, place of residence and address
9 of the applicant and the general distinguishing number, color
10 or mark assigned to him and made in such form as the sec-
11 retary may determine; and all vehicles owned or controlled
12 by such manufacturer or dealer shall be regarded as reg-
13 istered under such general distinguishing number, color or
14 mark until sold, exchanged, or operated for hire. The an-
15 nual fee for every such certificate of registration shall be
16 thirty dollars. The secretary shall furnish the manufacturer
17 or dealer with three pairs of registration number plates free
18 of cost; and there may be issued to any such applicant two
19 similar pairs of plates, in addition to the three pairs so is-
20 sued, upon payment of ten dollars for each additional pair;
21 and upon payment of five dollars per pair additional plates
22 shall be furnished. For the purposes of this section, the
23 term "dealer in new motor vehicles" is restricted to any
24 person who is (a) a recognized agent of a manufacturer
25 of motor vehicles, or (b) a vendor of motor vehicles made
26 by such manufacturer whose authority to sell the same is
27 created by a written contract with such manufacturer, or
28 with some person authorized by such manufacturer to enter
29 into such contract, and the principal motor vehicle business
30 of such agent or vendor is the sale of new motor vehicles,

31 and whose dealing in second-hand or used motor vehicles
32 is incidental thereto only.

A person whose principal motor vehicle business is the
2 purchase, acquisition, sale and exchange of second-hand or
3 used motor vehicles, may make a similar application to the
4 secretary, who under similar conditions may issue a like
5 certificate of registration to such person for the same pur-
6 poses, the annual fee for which certificate of registration
7 shall be twenty dollars; to each such dealer in second-hand
8 or used motor vehicles, two pairs of registration number
9 plates shall be furnished free of cost by the secretary; such
10 plates may be used upon any motor vehicles so owned or
11 controlled by such dealer in second-hand or used motor ve-
12 hicles. Extra registration plates shall be furnished each of
13 said classes of dealers to replace lost or mutilated plates
14 for seventy-five cents each. Single plates shall be furnished
15 for trailers. On applications for registration, or for addi-
16 tional plates applied for by said manufacturers or dealers
17 during the period between the first day of October and the
18 thirty-first day of December in any year, one-half of the
19 registration fee shall be charged. No motor truck, tractor
20 or trailer registered under this section shall be used for other
21 than demonstration or emergency purposes.'