

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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**H. P. No. 765**

**H. D. No. 181**

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House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burnham of Kittery.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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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  
Nineteen Hundred Twenty-one.

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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 nineteen hundred twenty-one  
3 is hereby amended by striking out the words "except a  
4 truck, tractor or trailer" in the second line thereof and  
5 also in the fourth line thereof, and substituting in each case  
6 therefor the words 'except a tractor,' so that said section  
7 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 75. Neutral zone; permitting operation of motor  
2 vehicle, except a tractor, by resident of adjoining state liv-  
3 ing within fifteen miles of the border, under a special per-  
4 mit.

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

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

Sect. 2. Section thirty-four of chapter two hundred and  
2 eleven of public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one is  
3 hereby amended by adding after the word "thereof" in the  
4 twenty-ninth line thereof, the following words: 'except  
5 those which have been registered under the provisions of  
6 section seventy-five of this chapter,' so that said section as  
7 amended shall read as 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 enumer-  
7 ated in this section, on the ways in this state for not ex-  
8 ceeding 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  
13 of said thirty days, if the owner of any such vehicle is to  
14 continue its operation within this state, he shall make ap-  
15 plication 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 non-  
2 resident a certificate of registration and appropriate num-  
3 ber plates, free of expense, which plates shall be attached  
4 to the vehicle as required by section forty-eight, and re-  
5 main there as long as such vehicle is operated in this state  
6 in the year during which said certificate is issued; pro-  
7 vided, however, that on applications for registration by such  
8 non-residents during the period between the first day of  
9 October and the thirty-first day of December in any year,  
10 one-half of said registration fee shall be charged. Any  
11 motor cycle or side car owned by a non-resident operated  
12 by a person registered and authorized to operate it in this  
13 or some other state or country, having a registration plate  
14 or other distinguishing mark attached to the motor cycle  
15 may be operated on the ways of this state for not more

16 than thirty days in the aggregate before registration. Pro-  
17 vided, however, that no motor truck, tractor or trailer used  
18 for commercial purposes and owned either by a resident  
19 of this state or a non-resident thereof, except those which  
20 have been registered under the provisions of section sev-  
21 enty-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 registrations 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 this  
5 state as required by this act.’