

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**S. P. No. 508**

**S. D. No. 217**

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In Senate, March 11, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Anthoine of Cumberland.

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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 Relating to Aircraft.

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

Section 1. Section three of said act is hereby amended  
2 by striking out after the word "officer" in said section the  
3 words "Any applicant for the registration of an aircraft  
4 who does not file his application until after the first day  
5 of June in any year shall be entitled to a pro rata reduc-  
6 tion in the fee for such registration calculated to the first  
7 day of the month in which such application is made," and  
8 by adding at the end of said section the following: 'All  
9 aircraft shall be required to display on the under surface  
10 of the upper wings and on both sides of the fuselage or

11 any other part of the aircraft that may be designated by  
12 the secretary of state, the letters ME and license number  
13 of the aircraft, said letters and numerals to be not less  
14 than three feet in height on the wings and one foot in  
15 height on the fuselage and to be in color in contrast to the  
16 background,' so that said section, as amended, shall read  
17 as follows:

'Sect. 3. Every owner of one or more aircraft in opera-  
2 tion in this state shall file upon a blank furnished by the  
3 secretary of state, a statement of his name, residence, and  
4 post office address, and a description of each aircraft oper-  
5 ated by said owner, and shall give such other information  
6 pertaining thereto as shall be required by the secretary of  
7 state. The secretary of state shall register each such air-  
8 craft, assign to it a distinguishing number, and shall there-  
9 upon issue to such owner a certificate of registration which  
10 shall contain the name, place of residence, and post office  
11 address of said owner, the number assigned to said aircraft,  
12 and such further information as the secretary of state shall  
13 determine. Such certificate shall at all times be carried  
14 upon such aircraft, and shall be subject to examination upon  
15 demand by any proper officer. Upon the transfer of own-  
16 ership of any aircraft its registration shall expire, and the  
17 person in whose name the aircraft is registered shall forth-  
18 with notify the secretary of state in writing stating the date  
19 of such transfer of ownership and the name, place of resi-  
20 dence and post office address of the new owner. The reg-

21 istration of every aircraft shall expire at midnight on the  
22 thirty-first day of December in each year. No aircraft shall  
23 be registered until the secretary of state has examined and  
24 inspected or caused to be examined and inspected by one  
25 or more competent persons, said aircraft, and shall be  
26 deemed by such examiners or inspectors to be airworthy.  
27 All aircraft shall be required to display on the under sur-  
28 face of the upper wings and on both sides of the fuselage  
29 or any other part of the aircraft that may be designated by  
30 the secretary of state, the letters ME and license number  
31 of the aircraft, said letters and numerals to be not less than  
32 three feet in height on the wings and one foot in height on  
33 the fuselage and to be in colors in contrast to the back-  
34 ground.'

Sect. 2. Section four of said act is hereby amended by  
2 adding at the end of said section the following: 'Every  
3 pilot operating an aircraft in this state shall keep a log or  
4 record which shall contain all pertinent data with reference  
5 to the operation, maintenance, and repair of the aircraft and  
6 motor. Said log or record to be subject to inspection at  
7 any time by the secretary of state or his inspector of air-  
8 craft upon demand,' so that said section, as amended, shall  
9 read as follows:

'Sect. 4. No person, except as provided in sections two  
2 and five of this act, shall direct or operate an aircraft, or  
3 act as pilot of any aircraft, until he shall have obtained  
4 from the secretary of state a license for that purpose, ex-

5 cept that any person may without such license, operate an  
6 aircraft upon or over land or water owned or leased by  
7 him, or upon or over land or water the owner of which  
8 has given written permission to such person to so operate  
9 thereon or thereover. No such license shall be issued until  
10 the secretary of state has examined the applicant therefor, or  
11 caused him to be examined by one or more competent per-  
12 sons, in such manner as said secretary of state may de-  
13 termine and said secretary of state is satisfied that the ap-  
14 plicant is a proper person to receive such license. No  
15 license shall be issued to any person under twenty-one years  
16 of age. Applications for licenses shall be made upon blanks  
17 furnished by the secretary of state, which blank shall be  
18 in such form and shall contain such provisions not incon-  
19 sistent with this act as said secretary of state may deter-  
20 mine. A number shall be assigned to each license and a  
21 proper record of all applications for licenses issued shall  
22 be kept by the secretary of state at his office and shall be  
23 open to public inspection. Each license shall state the name,  
24 place of residence, and post office address of the licensee,  
25 the number assigned to him, the class of aircraft to be oper-  
26 ated, and such provisions not inconsistent with this act as  
27 the secretary of state may determine. Such license shall  
28 expire at midnight on the thirty-first day of December in  
29 each year. Such license shall at all times be carried by the  
30 licensee when acting as pilot or as instructor in any air-  
31 craft in this state, and shall be subject to examination upon

32 demand by any proper officer. Every pilot operating an  
33 aircraft in this state shall keep a log or record which shall  
34 contain all pertinent data with reference to the operation,  
35 maintenance and repair of the aircraft and motor. Said  
36 log or record to be subject to inspection at any time by the  
37 secretary of state or his inspector of aircraft upon demand.'

Sect. 3. Section five of said act is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after the words "under instructions" in the eighth  
3 line of said section the words 'No pilot shall carry any  
4 passengers until he has had at least twenty-five (25) hours  
5 experience as a pilot not under instruction,' so that said  
6 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. It shall be unlawful for any licensed pilot to  
2 carry passengers for hire unless said pilot shall obtain from  
3 the secretary of state a passenger carrying permit, appli-  
4 cation for such permit to be made upon blanks furnished  
5 by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall grant  
6 such passenger carrying permits to such licensed pilots who  
7 have satisfied him that he is skilled in the flying of aircraft,  
8 and has had at least one hundred flying hours' experience  
9 as pilot not under instruction. No pilot shall carry any  
10 passengers until he has had at least twenty-five (25) hours  
11 experience as a pilot not under instruction. For purposes  
12 of instruction, any unlicensed person may pilot any aircraft  
13 in this state only when under the instruction of a licensed  
14 pilot, whether such licensed pilot may be in the aircraft or  
15 in the immediate vicinity, on the ground or in the air.'

Sect. 4. Section six of said act is hereby amended by inserting after the word "aircraft" in the fourth line of said section the words 'and for the inspection of an aircraft,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 6. The secretary of state shall collect fees as follows: For the registration of every aircraft, five dollars; for examination and inspection of an aircraft, five dollars; for examination and tests of an applicant for a license to direct and operate aircraft and for the inspection of an aircraft, as provided in this act, such sum as he may require, in any instance not exceeding twenty-five dollars; for a license to operate aircraft, two dollars; for a passenger carrying permit to licensed pilots, one dollar; for every additional copy of a certificate of registration or license, fifty cents.'

Sect. 5. Section twelve of said act is hereby amended by adding at the end of the said section the following: 'It shall be the duty of every officer charged with the enforcement of law to report to the secretary of state any violation of the provisions of this act,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 12. Whoever violates any provision of this act or any rule or regulation made hereunder shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than one month or more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. It shall be the duty of every officer charged with

7 the enforcement of law to report to the secretary of state  
8 any violation of the provisions of this act.'