

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 374

H. P. 1118 House of Representatives, Mar. 10, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Morrill of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Providing for the Appointment of a Deputy Secretary of State to be Designated a Registrar of Motor Vehicles and to Place the Administration of the Several Motor Vehicle Provisions of Law Under His Jurisdiction and Administration.

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

Section 1. The secretary of state shall appoint a deputy
2 secretary of state as provided by the constitution, who shall
3 be designated registrar of motor vehicles. The compensa-
4 tion of said registrar shall be four thousand dollars (\$4,000)
5 per year. Said registrar shall be a citizen of the state and
6 shall furnish bond to the treasurer of state in the sum of
7 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the faithful discharge

8 of his duties, such bond to be approved by the governor
9 and council.

Sect. 2. All authority now vested in the secretary of state
2 for the administration of the motor vehicle laws as con-
3 tained in chapter two hundred eleven of the public laws of
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-one and acts additional thereto
5 and amendatory thereof, is hereby transferred to, and vested
6 in said registrar of motor vehicles, who is hereby charged
7 and vested with full authority to properly and faithfully
8 administer said laws.

Sect. 3. Section twenty-seven of chapter two hundred
2 eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one
3 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and
4 inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 3. Said registrar of motor vehicles may appoint
2 not exceeding six agents or inspectors to receive applications
3 for registration and licenses, to conduct examinations when
4 ordered by said registrar and to enforce the provisions of
5 this act in relation to the registration of motor vehicles and
6 licensing of operators. Said agents and inspectors shall
7 have all the powers of sheriffs and police officers to make
8 arrests for the violations of the provisions of this act relat-
9 ing to registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of
10 operators and to enforce the provisions thereof, but they
11 shall have no other police authority. Said agents and in-
12 spectors shall hold office during the pleasure of said regis-
13 trar of motor vehicles. Before entering upon the discharge

14 of their duties they shall be sworn and shall give bond to
15 the treasurer of state with surety or sureties approved by
16 the treasurer of state in the sum of two thousand dollars
17 (\$2,000) conditioned for the faithful performance of the
18 duties of their office. No agent or inspector shall receive
19 any fee as a complainant or witness, or for making an arrest
20 or for attendance at court, but shall be reimbursed by the
21 state for his actual costs of arrest and actual expenses of
22 travel and attendance. Whenever any fines or penalties are
23 imposed by any court in any proceeding in which an agent
24 or inspector is a complainant or a witness, said court may
25 tax costs for such complainant or witness in the usual man-
26 ner. He shall receipt for same when paid and immediately
27 transmit it to the registrar of motor vehicles, who shall pay
28 forthwith the same to the treasurer of state.'