

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 363

H. P. 909 House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. 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 THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT Creating the Office of Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

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

Section 1. Term of registrar; election; bond; salary. There shall be a registrar of motor vehicles who shall serve for a term of four years from the date of his election or until his successor is chosen and qualified and who shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office. The said registrar shall be elected by the legislature in joint convention by written ballot. He shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties before entering thereupon, and shall furnish bond to the treasurer of state in the sum of ten thousand dollars conditioned on the faithful discharge of his duties, which said bond must meet the approval of the governor and council.

The said registrar shall receive a salary of five thousand dollars per year.

Sect. 2. Deputy registrar. The registrar of motor vehicles may appoint a chief deputy registrar for whose conduct he shall be accountable and who shall act for the said registrar in his absence.

In case of a vacancy in the office of the registrar by death, resignation or removal, the chief deputy shall act as registrar until a new registrar is chosen.

Sect. 3. Certain duties of secretary of state transferred. All the duties now imposed upon and powers now vested in the

secretary of state for the administration of the motor vehicle laws with particular reference to those contained in chapter twenty-nine and chapter thirty of the revised statutes and acts amendatory or pertaining thereto are hereby imposed upon and vested in the registrar of motor vehicles. All reports concerning the provisions of chapter twenty-nine hitherto made to the secretary of state shall be hereafter made to the registrar of motor vehicles.

Sect. 4. Report. The said registrar shall prepare and present to the governor and council on or before February one of each year his report for the preceding calendar year.

Sect. 5. Appointment of inspectors. Chapter twenty-nine is hereby amended by striking out section one hundred twenty-five and by inserting a new section to be numbered one hundred twenty-one A and to read as follows:

'Sect. 121A. Appointment of inspectors. The registrar of motor vehicles may appoint such inspectors as he deems necessary to enforce the laws concerning motor vehicles, and the said inspectors are hereby vested with the same powers and duties throughout the several counties as sheriffs have in their respective counties to enforce the motor vehicle laws.'

Sect. 6. Statutory wording changed. Wherever in the revised statutes in any section that concerns the administration or enforcement of the motor vehicle or aviation law, the words "secretary of state" appear, the words 'registrar of motor vehicles' shall be substituted; and wherever the word "deputy" or similar words, referring to the deputy secretary of state in his execution of the motor vehicle laws, appears, it shall now refer to the deputy registrar of motor vehicles.

Sect. 7. Construction of this act. This act is intended to, and shall be construed as having, transferred all the duties and powers of the secretary of state concerning the administration and enforcement of the motor vehicle law to the registrar of motor vehicles, and all sections of the revised statutes are hereby amended to carry out this intent.

Sect. 8. First election. As soon as this act shall be signed by the governor, or passed over his veto, the eighty-fifth legislature shall proceed to elect the first registrar of motor vehicles to serve for the period from July one, nineteen hundred thirty-one to January one, nineteen hundred thirty-five.