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H. P. 1391 House of Representatives, March 24, 1931.

Reported by Mr. Varney from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

New Draft of H. P. 114, L. D. 82.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Chauffeurs.

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

Section thirty-six of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" in the fourteenth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word 'three' and by striking out the words "three dollars" in the fifteenth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof, the words 'one dollar and fifty cents,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 36. Chauffeurs; special license; badge; fee; definition of term. 1921, c. 211, sec. 31. 1929, c. 327, sec. 8. Special licenses to operate motor vehicles shall be issued to chauffeurs subject to the same general requirements governing the issuance of an operator's license as is provided in section thirty-three; but no such license shall be issued to any person less than eighteen years of age. An operator's license shall not entitle a person to operate a motor vehicle as a chauffeur as defined in this section.

The secretary of state shall furnish every licensed chauffeur with a suitable metal badge with distinguishing number or mark assigned to him thereon without extra charge therefor. Said badge shall thereafter be worn by such chauffeur affixed to his clothing at all times while he is operating or driving a motor vehicle, and shall be valid only during the term of the license of the chauffeur to whom it is issued.

Every application for a chauffeur's license shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars; provided, however, that if such applicant already holds an operator's license the accompanying fee shall be one dollar and fifty cents.

Failure of an operator or chauffeur to exhibit his license to any magistrate, motor vehicle inspector, police officer, sheriff, or other authorized official, on demand, shall be prima facie evidence that such person is not duly licensed.

A chauffeur who is registered under the provisions of law of the state or country of his residence shall be exempt from license under this section, provided he shall wear a badge or carry a license certificate assigned to him by the jurisdiction of his residence.

The word "chauffeur" as herein used shall mean any person who operates a motor vehicle other than his own, and who, directly or indirectly, receives compensation for any work or services in connection therewith; but as used elsewhere generally in this chapter with respect to the use and operation of motor vehicles, the words "operator" and "driver" shall include the word "chauffeur."

Temporary licenses without fees may be issued to chauffeurs in the employ of the state or any municipal corporation, to terminate when their employment ends.'