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H. P. 1314

House of Representatives, February 12, 1935.

On motion of Mr. Ellis of Rangeley tabled pending reference and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ellis of Rangeley.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Registration of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. Trailer defined. Section 56 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Trailer" shall mean any vehicle not propelled by its own power drawn on the public highways by a motor vehicle operated thereon, except vehicles being towed by a non-rigid support and vehicles designed and primarily used for other purposes and only occasionally drawn by a motor vehicle.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 57, amended. Section 57 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes as amended is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 57. Schedule of fees for registration of motor trucks and trailers.

With each application for registration of a motor bus, truck or trailer, when equipped with pneumatic tires, there shall be deposited an annual registration fee graduated as follows:

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof but not exceeding 4000 pounds, 20 cents;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 4000 pounds but not in excess of 6000 pounds, 40 cents;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 6000 pounds but not in excess of 8000 pounds, 60 cents;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 8000 pounds but not in excess of 10,000 pounds, 80 cents;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 10,000 pounds but not in excess of 12,000 pounds, \$1.10.;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 12,000 pounds but not in excess of 14,000 pounds, \$1.40;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 14,000 pounds but not in excess of 16,000 pounds, \$1.70;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 16,000 pounds but not in excess of 18,000 pounds, \$2;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 18,000 pounds but not in excess of 20,000 pounds, \$2.40;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 20,000 pounds but not in excess of 22,000 pounds, \$2.80;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 22,000 pounds but not in excess of 24,000 pounds, \$3.30;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 24,000 pounds but not in excess of 26,000 pounds, \$3.80;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 26,000 pounds but not in excess of 28,000 pounds, \$4.80;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 28,000 pounds but not in excess of 30,000 pounds, \$6;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 30,000 pounds but not in excess of 32,000 pounds, \$7.25;

For each 100 pounds of gross weight or fraction thereof in excess of 32,000 pounds but not in excess of 34,000 pounds, \$8.50;

For each 100 pounds or fraction thereof of gross weight in excess of 34,000 pounds but not in excess of 36,000 pounds, \$10.

Provided, however, that every such vehicle equipped with 2 or more solid tires shall pay an additional fee of 33 1/3% more than any such vehicle would be hereby required to pay if equipped with pneumatic tires; and provided, further, that no vehicle shall be operated on ways or bridges which, either loaded or unloaded, exceeds the limits prescribed in section 56, or is contrary to the provisions of any other section of this chapter, or any other statute pertaining thereto.

If a motor vehicle is used to draw 2 or more trailers and the combined length of such motor vehicle and trailers is more than 65 feet, the fee for registration of the trailer or trailers extending wholly or partially beyond 65 feet shall be twice the regular fee for such trailer or trailers, except

where such a combination of vehicles is operated pursuant to a permit issued by the state highway commission, such permits to be issued under the authority now provided by section 21. The payment of the excess fee for a trailer or trailers shall be indicated by the display thereon of a special number plate which shall be issued by the state for that purpose.

Provided further, that in computing the gross weight of a motor bus there shall be added to the weight of the vehicle, unladen, 125 pounds for each seat or space provided for a passenger, and 125 pounds for the driver thereof.'