

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hathorn of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Semi-trailers.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Terms defined.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the word "way" includes all kinds of public ways; the word "team" and the word "vehicle" shall each include all kinds of conveyances on such ways for persons and for property, except those propelled or drawn by human power, or used exclusively on tracks; the word "trailer" any vehicle for transportation of passengers or commodities without motive power, not operated on tracks, drawn or propelled by a motor vehicle, except a pair of wheels commonly used for other purposes than transportation; the word "semi-trailer" shall mean any vehicle of the trailer type so designed that some part of its own weight and load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle; the term "solid tires" shall include tires of rubber or other material that do not depend on confined air for the support of the load; the term "motor vehicle," any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on tracks, ~~except tractors~~; the word "tractor," any self-propelled vehicle not used on fixed rails, designed or used as a traveling power plant for drawing vehicles, but having no provision for carrying loads inde-

pendently; the word "owner," any person, firm, corporation, or association owning a vehicle or having exclusive right to the use thereof under contract, lease, hiring, or otherwise; the word "curb," the outer edge of a defined sidewalk, or either edge of the wrought and usually traveled part of a way; the word "section" shall refer to this chapter unless otherwise indicated; the words in the context indicating operation or use of a vehicle refer to its operation or use upon any way or bridge in this state, including public parks and parkways.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 54, amended.** Section 54 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 234 of the public laws of 1931, and as amended by chapter 262 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 54. Fees for registration of vehicles.** The annual fees for the registration and licensing of vehicles shall be in accordance with the following schedule, and shall accompany the application for registration:

a. Motor vehicles used for the conveyance of passengers.

	Per H. P.	Per 100 lbs. weight
Equipped with		
Pneumatic tires .....	25 cents	25 cents
Solid tires (two or more) .....	25 cents	50 cents

Motor vehicles used for livery or hire shall pay double the above fees, provided, however, that private automobiles occasionally employed for use at funerals by a duly registered or licensed undertaker, and not otherwise used for hire, shall not be subject to such double fees, and provided further, that motor vehicles used for no other passenger service or hire than for the transportation of school children to and from school are not subject to the double registration fee. Motor vehicles used for the carrying of passengers for hire and operating under the provisions of chapter 66, shall pay registration fees as follows: motor vehicles of not over seven persons seating capacity shall pay the fees as provided in the foregoing part of this section; motor vehicles of over seven persons seating capacity shall pay in addition to the above fees an additional sum of \$2.50 for each seat in addition to 7.

b. Tractors.

	Per H. P.	Per 100 lbs. weight
Equipped with		
Pneumatic tires .....	25 cents	25 cents
Solid rubber tires .....	25 cents	50 cents
Iron, steel or other hard tires .....	25 cents	80 cents

**The minimum fee shall never be less than \$2.**

Tractors used for agricultural purposes or not customarily used on public way shall pay 1/10 of the above rates; caterpillar tractors, so-called, except as above provided, shall pay a registration fee of \$15. Tractors not used for hauling or carrying loads on the highways shall be exempt from registration and license.

c. Trailers.

	Per 100 lbs. gross weight of vehicle and load
Equipped with	
Pneumatic tires .....	15 cents
Solid rubber tires .....	40 cents
Iron, steel or other hard tires .....	75 cents

**The minimum fee shall never be less than \$2.**

Trailers having a carrying capacity of ~~four~~ one thousand pounds or more shall be classified and rated as trucks.

Not more than one trailer shall be drawn by a motor vehicle.

And provided further that no motor vehicle, including trucks, passenger buses and passenger cars shall exceed in length 36 feet over all and no trailer attached to a motor vehicle shall exceed in length 26 feet over all.

d. Motorcycles ..... \$5 each

e. Motorcycle side-cars ..... \$5 each

f. **Semi-trailers.**

Capacity 1000 pounds or less .....	\$ 20
Capacity over 1000 pounds and not over 2000 pounds .....	25
Capacity over 2000 pounds and not over 3000 pounds .....	35
Capacity over 3000 pounds and not over 4000 pounds .....	40
Capacity over 4000 pounds and not over 5000 pounds .....	60
Capacity over 5000 pounds and not over 6000 pounds .....	80
Capacity over 6000 pounds and not over 7000 pounds .....	100
Capacity over 7000 pounds and not over 8000 pounds .....	150
Capacity over 8000 pounds and not over 10,000 pounds .....	200
Capacity over 10,000 pounds .....	250

All trucks and tractors used for the sole purpose of hauling or conveying semi-trailers shall pay a registration fee of \$10.

In computations under this section minor fractions of horse-power and weight shall carry the lower rating, and major fractions shall carry the next higher rating.

Horse-power specified in this chapter shall be based on the "A. L. A. M." standard, so-called.

"Steam vehicles." In the computation of fees for all vehicles propelled

by steam, the horse-power rating shall be based on the system of rating adopted by the United States government.

“Electric vehicles.” For vehicles propelled by electricity the rating shall be the normal horse-power designated by the manufacturers of the electric motor or motors in the vehicle.

In the computation of fees based on gross weight, said gross weight, in the case of freight or merchandise vehicles, shall be the actual weight of the vehicle in pounds plus the manufacturer's rated load capacity, and in the case of passenger vehicles shall be the actual weight of the vehicles. In no case shall the registration fee be less than \$10.

On any application for registration applied for by an owner resident of this state, of a motor vehicle or trailer, not including a log hauler, or traction engine, during the period between the first day of September and the 31st day of December,  $\frac{1}{2}$  the registration fee shall be charged. The secretary of state upon granting the application shall register in a book or upon suitable index cards to be kept for the purpose, the vehicle described in the application, giving to its owner a distinguishing number or other mark, and shall thereupon issue a certificate of registration which shall contain the name, place of residence and address of the owner.’