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Legislative Document

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H. P. 512

House of Representatives, January 26, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Farrington of Augusta.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further 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” shall mean any vehicle without motive power, designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, not operated on tracks, and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle; the word “semi-trailer” shall mean any vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so designed that some part of its weight and of its load rests upon or is carried by such motor vehicle; the term “truck tractor” shall mean any motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and the load so drawn; the term “farm tractor” shall mean any motor vehicle designed and used

primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing machines, and other implements of husbandry; the term "road tractor" shall mean any motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon either independently or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load so drawn; 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 "pneumatic tire" shall mean every tire in which confined air is designed to support the load; the term "motor vehicle" shall mean any self propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on tracks, including motor cycles. The term "motor truck" shall mean any motor vehicle designed or used for the conveyance of property; the word "tractor" shall also include any motor truck designed or used for the sole purpose of hauling or partially carrying trailers or semi-trailers; the word "motor cycle" shall mean all motor operated vehicles of the bicycle or tri-cycle type, whether the motive power be a part thereof, or attached thereto, and having pedals and saddle with driver sitting astride or a platform on which said driver stands; the word "owner" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, or association owning a vehicle ~~or having exclusive right to the use thereof under contract, lease, hiring, or otherwise; or the mortgagor or the vendee in a conditional sales contract~~; the word "curb" shall mean the outer edge of a defined sidewalk or either edge of the wrought or usually travelled part of a way; the word "section" shall refer to this chapter unless otherwise indicated; and the words in the context indicating operation or use of a vehicle refer to its operation or use upon a way or bridge in this state, including public parks or parkways.'