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Legislative Document

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H. P. 565

House of Representatives, January 31, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Fellows of Augusta by request.

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 the Use of License Plate Locks on Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 29, additional. Chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting therein section 55-A to read as follows:

‘Sec. 55-A. Registration number plates shall be locked to motor vehicle with locks to be furnished by secretary of state. The secretary of state shall furnish with every set of registration number plates issued under the provisions of section 55, excepting dealers’ and temporary registration plates, license plate locks to be used to lock the registration number plates to the motor vehicle and shall charge therefor the sum of not more than 50c per set of locks, said sum to be paid with the registration fee before said registration number plates are issued. The secretary of state may, in his discretion, issue additional license plate locks to replace those damaged by accident or otherwise and in cases of transfer of registration, upon receipt by him of the original locks or satisfactory evidence of their destruction.

The secretary of state shall purchase said locks and distribute same in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph. Any unexpended balance from the proceeds of said locks at the end of any year shall be paid by the secretary of state into the general fund.

Said locks shall be of a uniform type to be selected by the secretary of state and shall bear the insignia of the state and shall be so designed and constructed that when they have once been used for the purpose of fastening said registration number plates to a motor vehicle they cannot be removed without breaking said lock and rendering them incapable of future use, and said locks shall also be so designed and constructed that they will be readily visible upon looking at said registration number plate.

In the case of all motor vehicles and tractors, except motor vehicles of dealers on which dealers plates are used and motor vehicles for which temporary plates are issued, one lock shall be used to lock the front number plate to the motor vehicle and the other, the rear number plate.

Any person using said registration number plates on any motor vehicle or tractor, excepting dealers' and temporary registration number plates, without locking said number plates to said motor vehicles with locks furnished by the secretary of state shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

Said locks shall not be distributed in the state of Maine by any person or agency other than the secretary of state or such officers or employees as he may direct. Any person, firm or corporation who shall give, sell or offer to sell in the state of Maine any of the said locks adopted as aforesaid by the secretary of state, other than to the state of Maine or its officers duly authorized by the secretary of state to purchase or receive same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.'