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House of Representatives, February 22, 1939.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Patten tabled pending reference. 1000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. McGlaulin of Portland.

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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Reducing Registration Fees of Motor Vehicles and Increasing the Gasoline Tax, and Increasing the Allotment of Highway Funds to the Municipalities.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 54, amended. The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of section 54 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby repealed and the following is enacted in place thereof:

'a. Motor vehicles used for the conveyance of passengers.

0 horse power to and including 17 horse power	\$5
18 horse power to and including 24 horse power	6
25 horse power to and including 30 horse power	7
31 horse power and over	8'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 54, amended. Next to the last paragraph of section 54 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'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 vehicle.~~ In no case shall the registration fee be less than \$10.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 12, §§79-89, amended. Sections 79 to 89, inclusive, of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby further amended by striking out the words "four cents" wherever they occur in said sections, and inserting in place thereof the words '5 cents', and by striking out the words "three cents" wherever they occur in said sections and inserting in place thereof the words '4 cents', and by striking out the words "three-fourths" wherever they occur in said sections, and inserting in place thereof the words '4/5'.

Sec. 4. Special appropriation of \$500,000. Out of the additional 1 cent tax imposed on the sale of gasoline by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated the sum of \$500,000 to be used in the following manner: $\frac{1}{3}$ of said amount shall be paid or credited to the municipalities in the proportion to which the assessed value of each municipality bears to the total assessed value of the state as determined by the state tax assessor; $\frac{1}{3}$ of said amount shall be paid to the municipalities in the proportion to which the number of miles of public highways in each municipality bears to the total number of miles of public highways of the state as determined by the state highway commission; $\frac{1}{3}$ of said amount shall be paid to the municipalities in the proportion to which the population of each bears to the total population of the state as shown by the last federal census. Said additional 1 cent tax collected on the sales of gasoline shall be paid into the general highway fund and shall be annually distributed to the municipal officers of the respective municipalities in said state on April 1st next following the calendar year in which it was collected and shall be used for the improvement, construction, and maintenance of highways and bridges within the limits of said municipalities.

Sec. 5. Effective date. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect as to registration of motor vehicles for the year 1940 and subsequently thereafter. Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the 89th legislature.