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H. P. 2257

House of Representatives, May 23, 1940.

Under suspension of rules introduced out of order. Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY

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**AN ACT Repealing the Law Requiring Guaranty of Titles of Motor Vehicles.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. L., 1939, c. 239, Art. I, §§ 1-6, repealed.** Sections 1 to 6, both inclusive, of article I of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1939 are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 2. P. L., c. 239, Art. II, §§ 1-8, repealed.** Sections 1 to 8, both inclusive, of article II of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1939 are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 29, § 50, amended.** Section 50 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 58 of the public laws of 1933, by chapter 221 of the public laws of 1939, and by section 1 of article III of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1939, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 50. Motor vehicles and trailers to be registered; applications; secretary of state may refuse registration.** No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated, or remain, upon any way unless the same is registered and equipped in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Applica-

tion for such registration may be made by mail or otherwise to the secretary of state upon blanks prepared under his authority. The application shall be signed by the owner and shall contain such particulars as may be required by the secretary of state, including the name, residence and address of the ~~a previous owners, owner,~~ with a brief description of the vehicle, the name of its maker, the motor and serial numbers, ~~the character of the motive power and the amount of such motive power,~~ stated in figures of horse power, and the actual weight of the vehicle, and its load capacity, if intended for commercial use. The secretary of state shall maintain a file of said applications arranged alphabetically according to the name of the applicant, and in addition thereto shall maintain a file arranged under the name of each make of motor vehicle with the manufacturer's engine or serial numbers. ~~The applicant shall state in his application the kind of lens used in the headlights upon his motor vehicle, and shall specify whether he has complied with the rules and regulations of the secretary of state. The applicant shall also file in such form and on such blanks as shall be required by the secretary of state, a statement of the applicant's title to his motor vehicle, including the name of the person, firm or corporation from whom the same was purchased, together with a statement of all liens or encumbrances upon said vehicle, and the names and addresses of all persons having any interest therein, and the nature of every such interest, the names of a previous owners, and such other details as the said secretary of state may require.~~ In case said applicant has not given satisfactory answers, the secretary of state shall refuse to register such vehicle, or to issue a license for its operation. No registration or license shall be required to permit the use of a truck, trailer or tractor on that part of a way adjoining the premises of the owner of such truck, trailer or tractor.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 29, § 54, amended.** The last paragraph of section 54 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 238 of the public laws of 1939, and by section 2 of article III of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1939, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'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 1st 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. ~~The secretary of state shall also give to the applicant a certificate of title to the vehicle described in the application, which said certificate shall contain a statement of the owner's title including the name of the person, firm or corporation from whom the applicant purchased said motor vehicle or received title thereto, and of all liens and encumbrances upon the vehicle thereon described.~~

**Sec. 5. P. L., 1939, c. 239, Art. III, § 3, repealed.** Sections 62-A, 62-B, 62-C, and 62-D of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 3 of article III of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1939, are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 6. P. L., 1939, c. 239, Art. IV, repealed.** Sections 1 to 4, both inclusive, of article IV of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1939, are hereby repealed.