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(Transmitted from the Revisor of Statutes under Joint Order)

S. P. 448

In Senate, February 14, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles. Sent down for concurrence and 650 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Elliot of Knox by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Examination of Motor Vehicles by Inspectors and
Police Officers.**

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

R. S., c. 29, § 103, amended. Section 103 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 103. Inspectors and police officers in uniform may stop motor vehicles for examination; may examine stationary vehicles. The inspectors of the state police, when in uniform, and all police officers in uniform may at all times, with or without process, stop any motor vehicle to examine identification numbers and marks thereon, raising the hood or engine cover if necessary to accomplish this purpose, and may demand and inspect the driver's license, registration certificate, and permits.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to fail or refuse to stop any such vehicle, upon request or signal of any officer whose duty it is to enforce the motor vehicle laws when such officer is in uniform.

Whenever a motor vehicle is being operated by a person not having upon his person or in such vehicle the registration certificate covering such vehicle, or if it be operated by a person other than the person in whose

name it is registered, and such operator is unable to present evidence of his authority to operate such motor vehicle, such inspector or police officer, or any sheriff or his deputy, may impound such vehicle and hold it until the same is claimed and taken by the registered owner thereof, who shall be forthwith notified of the impounding. Said officers if wearing a badge may also at all times, with or without process, and with or without uniform, enter public garages, parking places, and buildings where motor vehicles are stored or kept, for the purpose of examining identification numbers and marks thereon and may also examine any vehicle standing in any public way or place.

Any such officer may in like manner and under like circumstances examine any vehicle to ascertain whether its equipment complies with the requirements of this chapter.'