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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles**

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

**P. L., 1939, c. 169, amended.** Chapter 169 of the public laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 1. Inspection of motor vehicles, regulated; stickers.** Every person who is the owner or in control of a motor vehicle registered and operated upon the highways of the state shall submit such vehicles for semi-annual inspection as hereafter provided, to determine the proper adjustment and sufficiency of the following required equipment: brakes, lights, running gear, wheels, tires, horns, windshields, mechanical windshield wipers, rear-view mirrors, reflectors and mufflers.

Such inspection shall be made during the months of May and November of each year at an official inspection station, duly appointed and certified as such by the secretary of state. If, at the time of such inspection and before the said vehicle is again operated upon the highway, the condition of said vehicle conforms in each and every respect as required by law, an official sticker as a certificate of inspection furnished by said secretary shall be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the windshield or in the center of the windshield back of the rear mirror.

**Each official inspection station shall stock a sufficient number of stickers to meet their demands through the entire inspection period. These will be**

furnished by the office of the secretary of state at five cents each. Within 30 days after the close of each inspection period stickers on hand may be returned to the secretary of state, and the purchase price refunded.

Said inspection shall not apply to motor vehicles owned and registered in another state, provided proper proof is shown of an inspection of such motor vehicle within the period of 6 months prior thereto.

No dealer shall permit any motor vehicle owned or controlled by him to be released for operation upon the highways until it has been inspected as hereinbefore provided and bears the proper certificate.

**The secretary of state or authorized agent may issue a permit to owners of motor vehicles which are not inspected to enable them to move such vehicle from garage or storage place to the nearest inspection station for the purpose of complying with this law.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate upon the highway any motor vehicle which has not been inspected as hereinbefore provided and bears such a certificate.'

**'Sec. 2. Certain garages may be licensed as official inspection stations.** Upon written application giving such description of the garage and its equipment as may be required by the secretary of state, the secretary may license such garage as an official inspection station located as to convenience the public for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 1 hereof. ~~No application as an official inspection shall be made~~ **No application for a license to operate an official inspection station shall be considered unless the garage and equipment of the applicant shall comply with the provisions of the secretary law, to wit: a garage building to be used as an inspection station shall be at least 12 feet wide and 40 feet in length, and shall have a level floor and shall be equipped with a screen or chart for the purpose of testing lights, and with tools and machinery necessary to make repairs to motor vehicles. Before granting an application for a license as an official inspection station the premises shall be examined by a member of the state police, and the operator investigated as to his reliability and fitness for such appointment. Upon approval of an inspection station the secretary of state shall issue a license and sign for which he shall charge a fee of \$2.'**

**'Sec. 3. Fee.** The operator of any official inspection station shall conduct the inspection of motor vehicles presented to him for that purpose in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary of state, for which he shall receive a fee of 50c for each car inspected, this sum not to include labor or material used in correction of faults in equipment.'