

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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S. P. 419

In Senate, February 24, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sterling of Somerset.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Permitting Excise Tax Collectors to Issue Motor Vehicle  
Operators' Licenses.**

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

**Sec. 1. Temporary licenses to motor vehicle operators.** The collector of taxes of each city, town and plantation, or such other person as such municipality may designate to collect the excise taxes upon motor vehicles, within and for such municipality only, hereby is declared to be an agent of the secretary of state for the sole purpose of receiving application for and issuing temporary licenses for the operation of motor vehicles.

**Sec. 2. Blanks to be furnished; effective period.** To each such agent, the secretary of state shall furnish the required application blanks, together with a form of temporary license, which shall have the same force and effect as though issued by said secretary, which shall be in effect for 30 days next following its issuance.

**Sec. 3. Official licenses may be issued by agents.** The secretary of state may authorize such agents to issue official licenses if it may be practical, and is hereby authorized to issue such forms and make such plans

as would carry out the intent of this section. It is the intent of the legislature that all final records of licenses be maintained by the secretary of state, and under his control and direction.

**Sec. 4. Doubtful eligible cases.** No person whose license to operate motor vehicles has been suspended, or who otherwise is not eligible to be granted a license, shall make application to any agent therefor. Whenever any agent shall be in doubt as to the eligibility of any such applicant, he shall forward forthwith by mail to the secretary of state such application who shall give the same his preferred attention and who forthwith shall notify the agent as to the eligibility of the applicant and, if found eligible, shall forward to the applicant his official license; in case of ineligibility, the fee paid shall be forfeited to the state.

**Sec. 5. Records; fees.** The person who issues licenses as provided in sections 1 and 3, shall keep such records and make reports to the secretary of state as that officer, from time to time, may require, and shall receive for each application presented a fee of 25c and shall report weekly, or oftener if so requested by the secretary of state, to the secretary of state all licenses issued and the fees collected by him, together with a remittance of the amount so collected, but not including his said fee.

**Sec. 6. Additional method.** This act shall not be construed as a restrictive means of licensing operators but only as supplemental to that now provided by law.

**Sec. 7. Bond.** The state, at its expense, shall procure a bond in such sum as the governor and council may determine covering said agents in favor of said state for any losses it may sustain by reason of the misconduct of such agents.

**Sec. 8. Penalties.** Any person wilfully making any false statement to any such agent for the purpose of obtaining an operator's license shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$25.