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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sterling of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

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

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

Sec. 1. Temporary registrations of motor vehicles. 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 applications for and issuing temporary registrations 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 registration, which shall have the same force and effect as though issued by the said secretary which shall be in effect for 30 days next following its issuance. During such period, the plates then on said vehicle, if any, are declared legal. If new plates are required, the applicant must affix to said motor vehicle cardboards which shall bear the name of the owner, and name of the vehicle and be signed

by such agent; such cardboard shall be approximately the same size as the usual number plate and shall be removed directly following the receipt of the number plate; such cardboards shall be placed in relatively the same position upon the motor vehicle as are number plates.

Sec. 3. Official registrations may be issued by agents. The secretary of state may authorize such agents to issue official registrations 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 to permit reissuance of official registrations by local agents when it is practical, but subject to the final control of the secretary of state under existing laws.

Sec. 4. Records; fees. The person who issues such registrations as provided in sections 1 and 3, shall keep such records and make such reports to the secretary of state as that officer, from time to time, may require, and shall receive for such application presented a fee of 25c in addition to the registration fee and shall report weekly, or oftener if so requested by the secretary of state, to the secretary of state all registrations made and the fees collected by him, together with a remittance of the amount so collected, but not including his said fee.

Sec. 5. Additional method. This act shall not be construed as a restrictive means of registration but only as supplemental to that now provided by law.

Sec. 6. Bond. The state, at its expense, shall procure a bond in such sum as the governor and council may designate covering said agents in favor of the state for any losses it may sustain by the misconduct of such agents.

Sec. 7. Doubtful eligible cases. Whenever any such agent shall be in doubt as to the eligibility of any motor vehicle for registration according to the laws of the state, he shall forward forthwith to the secretary of state, the application, who shall give such application preferred attention and who shall forthwith notify the agent as to its eligibility, or forward the official registration and plates to the applicant. In case of ineligibility, the registration fee shall be returned to the applicant.

Sec. 8. Penalties. Any person wilfully making any false statement to any such agent for the purpose of obtaining a registration of his motor vehicle shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$25.