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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provisions in Motor Vehicle Law.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 13, amended.** Section 13 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapters 162 and 191 of the public laws of 1945 and by chapter 35 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended by inserting before the 1st paragraph thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

**‘Every resident of the state, owning a motor vehicle or trailer, shall register the same in this state if such vehicle or trailer is to be operated on or remain upon any way.’**

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 15, sub-§ III, amended.** The 1st paragraph of subsection III of section 15 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Per 100 lbs. gross  
weight of vehicle  
and load

Equipped with		
Pneumatic tires . . . . .	15 cents	up to <del>1,000</del> 1,500
Solid rubber tires . . . . .	40 cents	lbs. <del>load</del> gross
Iron, steel or other hard tires . . . . .	75 cents	<del>capacity</del> weight’

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 19, § 15, sub-§ III, amended.** The 4th paragraph of subsection III of section 15 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Trailers having a ~~carrying capacity~~ gross weight of ~~7,000~~ 1,500 pounds or more shall be classified and rated as trucks.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 19, § 15, sub-§ III, amended.** The 7th paragraph of subsection III of section 15 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 348 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Provided further, that no motor vehicle, ~~including trucks, combination of tractor and semi-trailer, passenger busses and passenger cars or combination of motor vehicle and trailer or semi-trailer,~~ shall exceed in length 45 feet over all including all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary ~~and no trailer attached to a motor vehicle shall exceed in length 26 feet over all including all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary;~~ provided, however, that the load on any motor vehicle, including trucks, combination of tractor and semi-trailer, passenger buses and passenger cars, and the load on any trailer, may extend not exceeding 1 foot 6 inches beyond the rear of the maximum permissible structural length of such motor vehicle or tractor, exclusive of tailboard.'

**Sec. 5. R. S., c. 19, § 15, sub-§ III, amended.** The 8th paragraph of subsection III of section 15 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Stone-crushers, air compressors, power shovels or cranes, graders, rollers, well-drillers, ~~and~~ wood-sawing equipment **and other machinery or equipment**, any of which are permanently mounted on a traction unit or motor chassis, shall be registered and a fee of \$10 shall be paid for such registration in lieu of all other registration fees. **Registration under the provisions of this paragraph shall not include any vehicle which may be used for the conveyance of property except hand tools or parts which are used in connection with the operation of such equipment.'**

**Sec. 6. R. S., c. 19, § 15, sub-§ VI, amended.** Subsection VI of section 15 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 348 and sections 1 and 2 of chapter 352, both of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended by repealing the 6th paragraph thereof.

**Sec. 7. R. S., c. 19, § 15, sub-§ VI, amended.** The 1st sentence of the last paragraph of subsection VI of section 15 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby 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.'

**Sec. 8. R. S., c. 19, § 33, repealed.** Section 33 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

**Sec. 9. R. S., c. 19, § 34, amended.** Section 34 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by repealing the 3rd paragraph thereof.

**Sec. 10. R. S., c. 19, § 36, amended.** The 4th sentence of section 36 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Upon approval of an inspection station, the secretary of state shall issue a license and sign, for which he shall charge ~~a~~ **an annual** fee of \$2.'

**Sec. 11. R. S., c. 19, § 44, amended.** Section 44 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 15 of chapter 378 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 44. From September 1st to December 31st to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  of sum named in § 38.** The excise tax ~~under the provisions of sections 38 to 47, inclusive~~, during the period beginning with September 1st and ending with December 31st, shall be  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the sum named in section 38, provided that the minimum to be paid under the provisions of this section shall never be less than ~~\$2~~ **\$2.50.**'

**Sec. 12. R. S., c. 19, § 48, amended.** Section 48 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended by inserting before the 1st paragraph, a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'**Every resident of the state, desiring to operate a motor vehicle on any way, shall obtain from the state a license to operate such motor vehicle.**'

**Sec. 13. R. S., c. 19, § 101, repealed.** Section 101 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.