

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 17, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Thomas of Hampden by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 35, amended. Section 35 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 63 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 35. 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 provided for in this and the 2 following sections, to determine the proper adjustment and sufficiency of the following required equipment: brakes, lights, running gear, wheels, tires, horns, windshields, **glazing**, mechanical windshield wipers, rear view mirrors, reflectors and mufflers.

Such inspection shall be made during the months of April and October 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 shall be furnished by the office of the secretary of state at ~~50~~ 10c each. **All monies derived from the sale of stickers, as aforesaid, shall be used for the enforcement of the inspection law by the secretary of state.** 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, **nor to new motor vehicles being driven by a dealer or his authorized representative from the point of distribution to his place of business.**

No dealer in new or used motor vehicles shall permit any such vehicle owned or controlled by him to be released for operation upon the highways until it has been inspected as herein provided and a proper sticker certifying such inspection placed thereon. ~~If such vehicle bears thereon a certificate showing a prior inspection, the same shall be removed. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to sale of vehicle as junk or to those which are to be repaired and put into condition so as to pass inspection by the purchaser thereof.~~ If such motor vehicle bears thereon a certificate showing an inspection prior to its acquisition by the dealer, the same shall be removed, a new inspection made and a certificate thereof placed on the windshield.

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 and which does not bear a certificate, as provided for in this section.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 37, amended. Section 37 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 37. Fee for licenses. 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~~ **75c** for each car inspected, this sum not to include labor or material used in correction of faults in equipment.'