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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Create the Office of Director of Transportation and Define the
Duties of the Director.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20-A, additional. The revised statutes are hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, to be numbered 20-A, to read as follows:

‘CHAPTER 20-A.

TRANSPORTATION.

Sec. 1. Appointment authorized. There is hereby created a director of transportation who shall perform the duties hereinafter set forth. The director shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of 3 years, at such salary as the governor and council shall determine. He shall be provided with such clerical and administrative assistance as the governor and council may deem necessary.

Sec. 2. Duties of the director. The director shall have the custody and control of all motor vehicles now or hereafter owned or leased by the state and used by officials and employees on state business. Such cars shall be

kept at the state garage in Augusta, unless the director shall give permission to keep them elsewhere. The state garage shall keep the cars in repair and bill the director therefor, unless the director shall authorize repairs to be made elsewhere. No motor vehicle shall be taken from the garage except by order of the director and a record shall be kept of departures and returns, showing to whom the car was delivered and by whom it was returned, the dates, including the hours of leaving and returning. The mileage reading on leaving and on returning shall be recorded. The director shall perform such other duties as the governor and council may direct.

Sec. 3. Use of cars. Department heads may requisition motor vehicles for official business of themselves and employees of their departments, and the department which requisitions a motor vehicle shall be charged for the same at the rate of not less than 6c nor more than 8c per mile, as the governor and council shall determine, from the time the car leaves the garage until it is returned thereto. Officials and employees shall sign for all cars entrusted to them and shall verify the mileage when returning the car. When cars are kept at places other than the state garage, the official or employee using the car shall report to the director the mileage travelled at least once in 2 weeks.

Sec. 4. Purchase of motor vehicles. Motor vehicles to be used for the transportation of officials and employees shall be purchased or leased only on the approval of the governor and council, who shall determine the need, the price to be paid and the fund from which payment is to be made.

Sec. 5. Use of privately owned cars limited. Officials and employees on state business shall travel in state owned cars, requisitioned as provided in this chapter, if there are cars available.'

Sec. 2. Repealing clause. Section 29 of chapter 14 of the revised statutes, and chapter 390 of the public laws of 1947, are hereby repealed.