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Referred to the Committee on Transportation, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Dow of Lincoln.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Motor Vehicles Used for Driver Education in Secondary Schools.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 13, amended.** The 11th paragraph of section 13 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'All motor vehicles owned and used by the State, any municipal corporation therein and all vehicles owned by an organized volunteer fire department and used exclusively for fire fighting purposes, **and all motor vehicles loaned to municipalities for use in driver education in the secondary schools** shall be registered, but shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to payment of registration fees; but all such vehicles shall display registration plates as required by this chapter or approved by the Secretary of State. Provided, however, that all motor vehicles and trailers owned by the State and under the supervision of the State Highway Commission shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to registration and payment of registration fees. Such motor vehicles and trailers shall display a marker or insignia approved by the Secretary of State.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 49, amended.** The 1st paragraph of section 49 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'An excise shall be levied annually as herein provided with respect to each calendar year for the privilege of operating upon the public ways, each motor vehicle to be so operated, subject to the provisions of section 56, as follows: a sum equal to 23 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the 1st or current year of model, 16½ mills for the 2nd year, 12½ mills for the 3rd year, 9

mills for the 4th year;  $5\frac{1}{2}$  mills for the 5th year and 3 mills for the 6th and succeeding years; provided, however, that whenever an excise tax has been paid for the previous calendar year on the same motor vehicle, the excise tax for the new calendar year shall be assessed as if the vehicle was in its next year of the model; provided, however, that persons registering under the provisions of section 67, the state and political subdivisions thereof, **municipalities registering motor vehicles for use in driver education in the secondary schools**, volunteer fire departments, bona fide dealers or manufacturers of motor vehicles, which motor vehicles are solely for the purpose of demonstration and sale and which constitute stock in trade, telephone and telegraph companies subject to the excise tax set forth in sections 125 to 132, inclusive, of chapter 16, express companies subject to the excise tax as set forth in sections 133 to 136, inclusive, of chapter 16, the vehicles of charitable, benevolent, literary and scientific organizations which are used exclusively in carrying on charitable, benevolent, literary or scientific work in this State, railroad companies subject to the excise tax set forth in sections 113 to 124, inclusive of chapter 16, excepting however, motor buses used exclusively for the transportation of passengers for hire, shall not be subject to the excise herein provided; and provided further, that in all cases where the excise tax under the preceding provisions of this section amounts to less than \$5, a minimum tax of \$5 shall be levied, except that for a bicycle with motor attached the excise tax shall be \$2.50; and provided further, that in respect to non-commercial vehicles on and after the 7th year of a model, the maximum amount to be levied as an excise tax under the provisions of this section shall be \$10.'