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In Senate, February 9, 1955.

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Cummings of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspections.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 45, amended. Section 45 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 45. Inspection of motor vehicles; 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 semiannual 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, 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. **Notwithstanding the requirement that all registered motor vehicles be inspected in April and October of each year, it shall be unlawful, except as hereinafter provided, for any person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of this state unless said motor vehicle has been inspected and bears a certificate as provided in this section.**

Each official inspection station shall stock a sufficient number of stickers to meet their demands ~~through the entire inspection period~~ **at all times.** These

shall be furnished by the office of the Secretary of State at ~~50~~ 10c each. ~~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.~~ Stickers furnished for the April inspection period shall be used during the succeeding months through September of the same calendar year and shall be of a different color and design than those furnished for the October inspection period and succeeding months through March of the following year. Stickers on hand at the beginning of a new inspection period or at the end of the calendar year, if the license is not renewed or if the license is suspended, 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 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 vehicles as junk or to those which are to be repaired and put into condition so as to pass inspection by the purchaser thereof.~~

The Secretary of State or authorized agent or state police officer 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 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.~~

The provisions of this section shall not apply to farm tractors which are manufactured as such.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 47, amended. Section 47 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 47. Fee for inspections.** The operator of any official inspection station shall conduct the inspection of motor vehicles presented to him for that purpose in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State, for which he shall receive a fee of ~~50c~~ \$1 for each car inspected, this sum not to include labor or material used in correction of faults in equipment.'