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House of Representatives, January 15, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hersey of Fort Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Revising Law Relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 25, amended. Section 25 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 25. Duties and powers.** It shall be the duty of the Board to examine all applications for motor vehicle dealer **or transit** registration plates presented to the Secretary of State and, in accordance with the provisions of ~~sections 24 to 29, inclusive~~ **this chapter**, order the Secretary of State to issue or to refuse to issue such motor vehicle dealer **or transit** registration plates. The Board is further empowered to order the Secretary of State to suspend or revoke, in accordance with the provisions of ~~sections 24 to 29, inclusive~~ **this chapter**, any motor vehicle dealer **or transit** registration plates already issued.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 26, amended. The 1st sentence of section 26 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Every manufacturer or dealer in new or used motor vehicles ~~or trailers~~ may, instead of registering each motor vehicle owned or controlled by him, make application upon a blank provided by the Secretary of State for a general distinguishing number, color or mark.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 26, amended. The 3rd sentence from the end of section 26 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 200 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The Secretary of State shall furnish the applicant with 4 registration number plates free of cost, and there may be issued to any such applicant 2 similar

plates, in addition to the 4 plates so issued, upon payment of \$10 for each such additional plate; ~~and upon~~ **Upon** payment of \$5 per plate, additional plates shall be furnished; ~~the number of any additional plates to be issued shall be determined by the Board.~~

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 22, § 26-A, amended. Section 26-A of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 200 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 26-A. Transit registration plates; application; fees. Finance companies, heavy equipment dealers, farm machinery dealers, trailer dealers, ~~semi-trailer dealers, dealers in mobile homes,~~ junk dealers and service stations may make application to the Motor Vehicle Dealer Registration Board upon a blank provided for the purpose for a registration certificate and plate, for the purpose of movement on highways of such vehicles owned or controlled by them. ~~The foregoing~~ **Such** enumeration shall be deemed a partial enumeration and shall not operate to exclude other such businesses which are within the general terms of this section.

The Board may at its discretion issue transit registration plates on a temporary basis to persons other than dealers for the purpose of the movement of new motor vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers from the point of manufacture or delivery outside the State to points within the State.

Transit plates shall be issued for ~~these~~ **the** uses **provided by this section** for a fee of \$25 each for the first 3 plates and \$10 for each additional plate. **The number of such plates to be issued shall be determined by the Board.'**

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 22, § 26-B, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 26-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 26-B. Limitation. No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued a dealer or transit registration certificate.'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 22, § 27, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 27 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'I. On proof that dealer or holder of a transit registration certificate no longer maintains a permanent place of business for buying and selling motor vehicles.'

Sec. 7. R. S., c. 22, § 27, sub-§ IV, amended. Subsection IV of section 27 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 6 of chapter 200 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'IV. On proof that dealer or holder of a transit registration certificate has been convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of sections 27 to 29, inclusive this chapter.'

Sec. 8. R. S., c. 22, § 31-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 31-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 31-A. Temporary number plates; notification; cost. A manufacturer or dealer or holder of a transit registration certificate may, upon the sale or ex-

change of a motor vehicle, attach to such motor vehicle a temporary registration plate, and the purchaser of such motor vehicle may operate the same for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days thereafter without payment of a regular fee. A temporary registration plate may not be used on a loaded truck without a written permit from the Secretary of State.

A manufacturer or dealer or holder of a transit registration certificate shall, upon attaching a temporary registration plate to a motor vehicle sold or exchanged by him, mark thereon the date when said license expires and immediately notify the Secretary of State of said sale or exchange, giving the name and address of the purchaser, the number of the temporary plate and such further information as the Secretary of State may require. The markings required by this paragraph to be placed on a temporary registration plate shall be made not less than one inch in height, with indelible or waterproof ink.

The Secretary of State may issue temporary registration plates to bona fide dealers or holders of transit registration certificates who request them under such rules and regulations as he shall deem necessary, and shall receive for them 50c per plate.'

Sec. 9. R. S., c. 22, § 37, repealed. Section 37 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 10 of chapter 200 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. R. S., c. 22, § 45, amended. The 4th and 5th paragraphs of section 45 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 384 of the public laws of 1955, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Said inspection shall not apply to motor vehicles owned and registered in another state nor to new **or used** motor vehicles being driven by a dealer **or holder of a transit registration certificate** or ~~his~~ **their** authorized representative from the point of distribution to his place of business.

No dealer **or holder of a transit registration certificate** 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.'