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throughout the state shall, on request, furnish said commissioner any information which they may possess and required by him, concerning ways and bridges within their jurisdiction.

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Approved March 24, 1905.

Chapter 147.

An Act to amend Chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes relating to registering, numbering and regulating the speed of Automobiles and Motor Vehicles and for licensing the operator thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the following sections:

Chapter 24, R. S., amended.

‘Section 17. All automobiles and motor vehicles shall be registered by the owner or person in control thereof in accordance with the provisions of this act. Application for such registration may be made, by mail or otherwise, to the secretary of state upon blanks prepared under his authority. The application shall, in addition to such other particulars as may be required by said secretary, contain a statement of the name, place of residence and address of the applicant, with a brief description of the automobile or motor vehicle, including the name of the maker, the number, if any, affixed by the maker, the character of the motor power and the amount of such motor power stated in figures of horse power; and with such application shall be deposited a registration fee of two dollars. The said secretary shall then register, in a book to be kept for the purpose, the automobile or motor vehicle described in the application, giving to such automobile or motor vehicle a distinguishing number or other mark, and shall thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of registration. Said certificate shall contain the name, place of residence and address of the applicant, and the registered number or mark, shall prescribe the manner in which said registered number or mark shall be inscribed or displayed upon the automobile or motor vehicle, and shall be in such form as the secretary may determine. The secretary of state shall also furnish the applicant two enamelled iron plates containing the word “Maine” in letters not less than one inch in height and the number of registration in Arabic numerals not less than four inches in height. The number plates must be attached to the front and back of automobiles and one number plate must be attached to the back of motor cycles. On

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—record of applications shall be kept.

—registration expires upon sale of automobile.

Registration by manufacturers and dealers.

—license fee.

Licenses for operating shall be issued by secretary of state.

—fee for operating license.

both automobiles and motor cycles the numbers must be so placed to be always plainly visible. A proper record of all applications and of all certificates issued shall be kept by the secretary of state in his office and shall be open to the inspection of any person during reasonable business hours. The certificate of registration shall always be carried in some easily accessible place in the automobile or motor vehicle described therein. Upon the sale of any automobile or motor vehicle its registration shall expire, and the vendor shall immediately return the certificate of registration to the secretary of state, with notice of sale, and of the name, place of residence and address of the vendee.

‘Section 18. Every manufacturer of or dealer in automobiles or motor vehicles, may instead of registering each automobile or motor vehicle owned or controlled by him, make application upon a blank provided by said secretary of state for a general distinguishing number or mark, and said secretary may, if satisfied of the facts stated in said application, grant said application, and issue to the applicant a certificate of registration containing the name, place of residence and address of the applicant, and the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him, and made in such form as said secretary of state may determine; and all automobiles and motor vehicles owned and controlled by such manufacturer or dealer, shall, until sold or let for hire or loaned for a period of more than five successive days, be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark. The fee for every such license shall be ten dollars.

‘Section 19. Licenses for operating automobiles and motor vehicles shall be issued by the secretary of state. Application shall be made upon blanks prepared by the secretary of state for this purpose, and the licenses issued shall be in such form and shall contain such provisions as said secretary of state may determine. To such licensee shall be assigned some distinguishing number or mark, and a proper record of all applications for license and of all licenses issued shall be kept by the secretary of state at his office, and shall be open to the inspection of any person during reasonable business hours. Each license shall state the time, place of residence of the licensee and the distinguishing number or mark assigned to him. The fee for each license to operate shall be two dollars. All fees shall be deposited at the time of making the application. The secretary of state may at any time suspend or revoke any license for any violation of this act or regulation made thereunder. Before a license to operate is granted, the applicant shall present such

evidence as to his qualifications as may be required by the secretary of state.

'Section 20. Except as otherwise provided herein no automobile or motor vehicle after the first day of June, nineteen hundred five, shall be operated upon any highway, townway, public street, avenue, driveway, park or parkway, unless registered as heretofore provided, and no person shall on or after the first day of June in the year nineteen hundred five, operate an automobile or motor vehicle upon any highway, townway, public street, avenue, driveway, park or parkway, unless licensed to do so under the provisions of this act.

Unlicensed automobiles shall not be operated after June 1, 1905.

'Section 21. Automobiles or motor vehicles owned by non-residents of this state and driven by a person licensed in this or in some other state may be operated on the roads and highways of this state unless prohibited by special law or town ordinance duly authorized by the legislature, subject, however, to the provisions of sections seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, and twelve, and provided that such person shall show in front and at the back of his automobile and at the back of his motor cycle the registration number granted him in such other state, and the name of the other state in Arabic letters at least one inch high. The provisions of this and the preceding sections shall not prevent the operating of automobiles by unlicensed persons if riding with or accompanied by a licensed operator.

Provisions for operating automobiles owned by non-residents.

'Section 22. Whoever violates any provision of the five preceding sections shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding ten days.'

Penalty for violation of the five preceding sections.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 24, 1905.

Chapter 148.

An Act to amend Section twenty-two of Chapter six of the Revised Statutes, relating to the regulation and conduct of Elections.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Section twenty-two of chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "or" in the third line between the words "shelves" and "compartments," and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'and' and by inserting after the word "others" in the fifth line of said section the following: 'and each voting shelf and compartment shall have a

Section 22, chapter 6, R. S., amended.