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utes is hereby amended by striking out the words "and all motor vehicles (automobiles and motor trucks) owned and controlled by such manufacturer or dealer shall until sold, or exchanged be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark. The annual fee for every certificate of registration to purchase, demonstrate, sell and exchange automobiles and auto trucks, shall be twenty-five dollars," in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth lines of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following words: 'And all motor vehicles (automobiles and motor trucks) owned or controlled by such manufacturer or dealer shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark until sold, exchanged, let for hire, or loaned for a period of more than five successive days. The annual fee for every such certificate of registration shall be twenty-five dollars,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Motor vehicles may be let for hire or loaned for a period of five days, under dealers' license. Every manufacturer of or dealer in motor vehicles (automobiles or auto trucks) 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 or mark and said secretary may, if satisfied with the facts stated in the application, grant the 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 or them and made in such form as the secretary of state may determine; and all motor vehicles (automobiles and motor trucks) owned or controlled by such manufacturer or dealer shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark until sold, exchanged, let for hire, or loaned for a period of more than five successive days. The annual fee for every such certificate of registration shall be twenty-five dollars. The secretary of state shall furnish the manufacturer or dealer with five pairs of registration number plates free of cost. Extra registration plates shall be furnished to the manufacturers and dealers in automobiles and auto trucks, in addition to the five pairs of plates originally furnished, to replace lost or mutilated plates, for seventy-five cents each. Transportation charges on registration number plates shall be paid by the receiver. On applications for registration applied for by manufacturers or dealers in automobiles or motor trucks, during the period between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of December in any year, one-half of the registration fee shall be charged.'

Approved March 22, 1917.

Chapter 54.

An Act to Prevent Defacing Identification Marks on Motor Vehicles.

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

Penalty for defacing identification marks on motor vehicles. Term defined in c. 26, § 15. Whoever knowingly buys, sells, receives, disposes

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of, conceals or has in his possession any motor vehicle, as defined in section fifteen of chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes, from which the manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark has been removed, defaced, covered, altered or destroyed for the purpose of concealment or misrepresenting the identity of the said motor vehicle, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

Approved March 22, 1917.

Chapter 55.

An Act to Amend Sections Five and Forty of Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Boards of Registration of Voters.

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

Sec. 1, R. S., c. 5, § 5, relating to boards of registration of voters, amended. Section five of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "thirty-five hundred" in the second, fifth and tenth lines thereof respectively, and inserting in place thereof the words 'three thousand'; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Boards to be maintained in cities of 3,000. In each city of the state having three thousand or more inhabitants, a board of registration appointed as provided in the following section shall have exclusive power and authority to make up, correct and revise the list of voters in each of said cities. In all cities having less than three thousand inhabitants, the municipal officers shall make such list, exercising the same powers and being governed by the same laws as municipal officers of towns having five hundred or more registered voters; provided that no city having a board of registration shall be deprived of said board of registration by reason of the population thereof becoming less than three thousand.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 40, relating to correction of voting list in towns and small cities, amended. Section forty of said chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "thirty-five hundred" in the third line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'three thousand'; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 40. Municipal officers to supervise lists in cities of less than 3,000. In all towns, cities not included, having five hundred or more registered voters, and in all cities having less than three thousand inhabitants, the municipal officers shall receive applications of persons claiming a right to vote, on the three secular days next preceding the day of election, and no application shall be received after the hour of five in the afternoon on the secular day next preceding the day of election; and no names shall be added to the list of voters on the day of election, by certificate or otherwise, except such as were upon the list used at the