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in the tenth line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following words, 'upon payment of two dollars,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 36. Secretary of state to charge fee of two dollars for issuance of plates. A motor vehicle owned by a non-resident of this state who has complied with the laws of the state of his residence relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and who has a bona fide actual residence in a state granting like privileges to residents of this state, which residence is located within fifteen miles by highway of the border line of this state, may be operated upon any ways of this state distant not more than fifteen miles from said border line, if such motor vehicle is duly registered in the state of its owner's residence and the fee required therefor is paid and such motor vehicle is duly registered by the secretary of this state. The secretary of state shall furnish at his office, upon payment of two dollars, to every person whose motor vehicle is registered as aforesaid, a metal tag of suitable design, and oval in shape, having displayed upon it the number assigned to such motor vehicle, the letters "Me.," and figures showing the year of issue; but no such tag shall be furnished for motor cycles. Such tag shall at all times be conspicuously displayed on the front of such motor vehicle. Every application filed under the provisions of this section shall be verified by the oath of the applicant. Every registration under the provisions of this section shall expire with each calendar year.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 172.

An Act to Provide for the Expenses of the Legislature, for Salaries Fixed by Law, for Departmental Expenses of the State Government and for the Maintenance of the Several State Institutions During the Period of the Biennial Sessions of the Legislature.

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

Sec. 1. State auditor to prepare biennially statement of emergency expenditures for use of legislature. The state auditor shall in the month of December before the assembling of each biennial session of the legislature prepare, and shall present to the legislature on the first day of its session, an estimate in detail, based upon the appropriations of the two preceding years, of the cost of the session of the legislature, of all salaries fixed by law, of the general departmental expenses of the state government, and of the ordinary current expenses or maintenance of the state institutions, which may be required for the period prior to the adjournment of such legislature.

Sec. 2. Appropriations to be made with emergency clause attached. The legislature shall forthwith appropriate, with the emergency clause, as necessary, sums sufficient to meet such costs and expenses and the treasurer of state is authorized to pay the same, upon warrants drawn by the governor and council, from any moneys in the treasury not otherwise ap-

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propriated, such payments to be charged to the regular appropriations for the same when made, or from the proceeds of any temporary loan.

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 173.

An Act to Amend Section Forty-two of Chapter One Hundred Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Expenses of County Commissioners.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 42, relating to expenses of county commissioners, amended. The last paragraph of section forty-two of chapter one hundred seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "business" in the fourth line of said paragraph the words 'and expenses incurred at public hearings away from the county seat,' so that said paragraph of said section as amended shall read as follows :

'To be reimbursed for expenses incurred at public hearings away from county seat. Said salaries shall be in full for all services, expenses and travel, including the management of the jails and workshops and the sale of their products, except actual necessary cash expenses incurred outside of their respective counties for the transaction of official business, and expenses incurred at public hearings away from the county seat; all bills for such expenses shall be approved by the clerk of courts and the county attorney of their county; excepting also, such expenses as are provided for in section twenty-six of chapter eighty-three.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 174.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy-nine of Chapter Fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Speed of Trains Over and Obstruction of Grade Crossings.

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

R. S., c. 57, § 79, relating to maximum speed of trains while crossing highway amended. Section seventy-nine of chapter fifty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor :

'Sec. 79. Public utilities commission to fix speed limit. The public utilities commission is authorized to fix a maximum speed limit at which trains may be run over any grade crossing of a highway or other way and when such limit has been by said commission fixed no engine or train shall be run over such crossings at a greater speed than that fixed by the commission and no way shall be unreasonably and negligently obstructed by engines, tenders or cars. The corporation forfeits not exceeding one hundred dollars for every such offense.'

Approved April 3, 1917.