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AS PASSED BY THE

Eighty-second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Horse power specified in this act shall be based on the "A. L. A. M." standard, so-called.

"Steam Vehicles."—In the computation of fees for all vehicles propelled by steam, the horsepower rating shall be based on the system of rating adopted by the United States Government.

"Electric Vehicles."—For vehicles propelled by electricity the rating shall be the normal horsepower designated by the manufacturers of the electric motor or motors in the vehicle.

In the computation of fees based on gross weight, said gross weight, in the case of freight or merchandise vehicles, shall be the actual weight of the vehicle in pounds plus the manufacturer's rated load capacity, and in the case of passenger vehicles shall be the actual weight of the vehicles. In no case shall the registration fee be less than ten dollars.

On any application for registration applied for by an owner resident of this state, of a motor vehicle or trailer, not including a log hauler, or traction engine, during the period between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of December, one-half the registration fee shall be charged. The secretary upon granting the application shall register in a book or upon suitable index cards to be kept for the purpose, the vehicle described in the application, giving to its owner a distinguishing number or other mark, and shall thereupon issue a certificate of registration which shall contain the name, place of residence and address of the owner.'

Approved April 3, 1925.

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## Chapter 124.

An Act Relating to the Penalty for Reckless Driving of Motor Vehicles.

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

P. L., 1921, c. 211, sec. 72; P. L., 1923, c. 14; relating to penalty for reckless driving of a motor vehicle, amended. Section seventy-two of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as amended by chapter fourteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "one year" in the twelfth line and inserting in place thereof the words 'eleven months,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 72. **Maximum imprisonment penalty decreased to eleven months.** Whoever operates a motor vehicle upon any way recklessly, so that lives or safety of the public are in danger, or upon a bet, wager or race, or

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for the purpose of making a record, thereby violating the speed regulations, or whoever goes away without stopping and making himself known after causing injury to any person or property, or uses a motor vehicle without authority from its owner, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or by both fine and imprisonment; and if any person be convicted the second time for a violation of this section, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than eleven months, or both.'

Approved April 3, 1925.

**Chapter 125.**

An Act Relating to Smelt Fishing.

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

**P. L., 1923, c. 27; relating to regulation of smelt fishing, repealed.** Chapter twenty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three is hereby repealed.

Approved April 3, 1925.

**Chapter 126.**

An Act Relating to Old, Diseased or Disabled Animals.

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

**R. S., c. 126, sec. 60; relating to proceedings for destroying old, diseased and disabled animals, amended.** Section sixty of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "fixed" in the sixth line of said section the words, 'If the owner cannot be found by reasonable diligence or is out of the state, although resident therein, a copy of such application and order of court shall be left at his last and usual place of abode,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**Sec. 60.** If owner of animal cannot be found service may be made by leaving copy of court order at last and usual place of abode. Such officer or agent may take possession of any old, maimed, disabled, diseased or injured animal, and apply to any municipal or police court or trial justice for process to cause the same to be destroyed. If the owner is known, a copy of such application shall be served upon him in hand with an order of court to appear at a time and place named, to show cause why such