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ways or otherwise so situated as to prevent the safe use of the public highway; and such public highway shall be deemed the full width of the road as laid out by the county or the town.

Provided, that the provisions hereof shall not apply to the state or to any political subdivision thereof or to signs erected or maintained with the approval of the state highway commission solely for the purpose of safeguarding, facilitating or protecting travel along the highway; and provided further that the state highway commission may order the placing of directional signs of such design as it shall determine, not exceeding twenty inches in length and six inches in width to designate places of interest; to be posted without expense to the state at the junction of roads in the town where the place is located and in adjoining towns.'

Approved April 15, 1927.

Chapter 161.

An Act Relating to the Registration of Trucks.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1921, c. 211, sec. 34; 1925, c. 214; relating to privileges granted to non-resident operators of motor vehicles, amended. Section thirty-four, of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as amended by chapter two hundred fourteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-five, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "state" in the third line of the second paragraph of said section, the words 'and no motor truck or trailer having a rated carrying capacity of more than one ton and owned or operated by a non-resident, shall be operated on the highways of this state,' and by striking out the period at the end of said second paragraph and in place thereof substituting a comma, and adding, at the end of said paragraph the words, 'and all operators of the same shall be licensed in like manner as residents of this state are required to be licensed, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 34. Non-resident cars and operators of same properly registered and licensed in home state may operate in this state; non-resident trucks of over one ton capacity must be registered. The provisions of this act relative to the registration of motor vehicles, tractors and trailers, and the granting of operators' licenses shall not apply to a motor vehicle, tractor or trailer owned by a non-resident, other than a foreign corporation doing business in this state, or to a non-resident operator other than the operator of any such vehicle belonging to a foreign corporation doing

business in this state, provided that the owner of such vehicle and its operator have complied with the provisions of law of the state or country of his residence relative to the registration of such vehicles, and the granting of operators' licenses. Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit a non-resident vehicle having a weight in excess of or equipped contrary to that allowed a similar resident vehicle, to be operated on the ways of this state.

But no vehicle owned or operated by a non-resident shall be operated on the public ways of this state as a vehicle engaged in the business of livery or for hire, or as a jitney, within this state, and no motor truck or trailer having a rated carrying capacity of more than one ton and owned or operated by a non-resident, shall be operated on the highways of this state, except and until it has been registered under the laws of this state and made to comply with the by-laws and ordinances of municipalities wherein it is operated, in the same manner as may be required of like vehicles owned, operated and registered in this state, and all operators of the same shall be licensed in like manner as residents of this state are required to be licensed.

If any non-resident owner or operator of any such vehicle shall continue its operation within this state after the expiration of the term permitted him by this act he shall comply with the provisions of statute pertaining to the registration of motor vehicles by resident owners and licensing of operators thereof.

Provided further that the secretary may issue to public utilities operating in this state for a nominal fee, a special permit for vehicles engaged in emergency repair work in this state provided such vehicles are registered in some other state and have attached thereto registration plates and are driven by persons licensed to operate in this or some other state.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1921, c. 211, sec. 50; relating to registration fees of trucks, amended. Section fifty, of chapter two hundred and eleven, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby amended by striking out, in the fifteenth line of said section, the words, "For trucks having a rated carrying capacity of over four tons.....110.00," and inserting in place thereof the words, 'For trucks having a rated carrying capacity of over four tons and not over five tons.....125.00 For trucks having a rated carrying capacity of over five tons.....150.00,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 50. Fees for trucks of over four tons carrying capacity increased. With each application for registration of a motor truck shall be deposited an annual registration fee graduated as follows when equipped with pneumatic tires:

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For trucks with a rated carrying capacity of one thousand pounds or less	\$10.00
For trucks having a rated carrying capacity of over one thousand pounds and not over one ton	15.00
For trucks having a rated carrying capacity of over one ton and not over two tons	20.00
For trucks having a rated carrying capacity of over two tons and not over three tons	55.00
For trucks having a rated carrying capacity of over three tons and not over four tons	80.00
For trucks having a rated carrying capacity of over four tons and not over five tons	125.00
For trucks having a rated carrying capacity of over five tons..	150.00

Provided, however, that every such vehicle equipped with two or more solid tires shall pay an additional fee of thirty-three and one-third per cent more than any such vehicle would be hereby required to pay if equipped with pneumatic tires; provided, further, however, that any motor vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of over five tons may be registered and operated if such motor vehicle is owned and registered on the date of the approval of this act. But no vehicle shall be operated on ways or bridges which, either loaded or without load, exceeds the limits prescribed in section forty-nine, or is contrary to the provisions of any other section of this act, or any other statute pertaining thereto.'

Sec. 3. P. L. 1921, c. 211, sec. 63; relating to trial of offenders against motor vehicle laws; taking of bail; revocation of licenses on defaulted bail, amended. Section sixty-three, of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby amended by striking out the last three lines of said section, and in place thereof inserting the following: 'notify the secretary, who shall immediately suspend or revoke his license, if licensed in this state, or suspend or revoke his right to operate motor vehicles in this state, if a non-resident and not licensed in this state, and also suspend or annul the registration of the motor vehicle driven by such person when arrested, if said motor vehicle is registered in this state.' So that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 63. Secretary may revoke right of non-residents to operate motor vehicles in this state when bail is defaulted. Whoever is arrested for violation of any provisions of this act, except those of sections seventy-two,

seventy-three, seventy-four, eighty-four and eighty-seven, shall be given an immediate trial if he shall so demand of the officer making the arrest but if for any reason it is impracticable to do so, the officer making the arrest shall immediately take the prisoner before some bail commissioner, who before admitting him to bail, shall require him to give his name, his place of residence, the number of his license to operate a motor vehicle, and the registration number of the motor vehicle operated at the time of his arrest, and shall make a record thereof on the bail bond, and may take his personal recognizance for his appearance in court on a specified day, not less than two days thereafter if requested by the person arrested; or such officer in like cases may accept the personal recognizance of such person for his appearance as aforesaid. If such person fails to appear in court on the day specified, either in person or by counsel, the court shall notify the secretary, who shall immediately suspend or revoke his license, if licensed in this state, or suspend or revoke his right to operate motor vehicles in this state, if a non-resident and not licensed in this state, and also suspend or annul the registration of the motor vehicle driven by such person when arrested, if said motor vehicle is registered in this state.'

Approved April 15, 1927.

Chapter 162.

An Act Relative to the War Bond Sinking Fund.

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

P. L., 1921, c. 221, sec. 1; relating to war bond sinking fund and application of proceeds of bond, amended. Section one, of chapter two hundred twenty-one, of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. References to soldiers' bonus for Spanish war veterans which failed of adoption, eliminated; funds made available for pensions of dependents and other classes of pensions; reimbursement of cities and towns for aid furnished dependents out of fund, eliminated; sinking fund. A tax of one mill on a dollar shall annually be assessed upon all the property of the state according to the value thereof, to be known as the War Bond Sinking Fund. The proceeds of this fund shall be used for the following purposes in the following order:

First: To pay the interest on all bonds issued under authority of chapter one hundred and eighty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen.