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chapter, both inclusive, railroad companies subject to the excise tax set forth in chapter nine, sections twenty-eight to thirty-eight of this chapter, both inclusive, excepting however, motor busses used for the transportation of passengers for hire, shall not be subject to the excise herein provided; and provided further that in all cases where the excise tax under the preceding provisions of this section amounts to less than two dollars, a minimum tax of two dollars shall be levied; and provided further that on and after the seventh year of a model, the maximum amount to be levied as an excise tax under the provisions of this section shall be ten dollars.'

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## Chapter 224.

### AN ACT to Extend the Time for the Display and Use of Motor Vehicle License Tags.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 29, sec. 55, paragraph 2; relating to display of number plates, amended. Paragraph two of section fifty-five of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line the period after the word "year" and inserting in lieu thereof a semi-colon and adding after said semi-colon the words 'provided further, that motor vehicle registrations and license tags issued thereon in any calendar year shall be valid for use and display until March first of the next calendar year,' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

**Extension to March first.** 'Number plates so furnished shall be valid only for the calendar year for which they are issued, except that on and after December twenty-fifth of such calendar year, it shall be lawful to use and display on motor vehicles, the number plates issued for the next succeeding year; provided further, that motor vehicle registrations and license tags issued thereon in any calendar year shall be valid for use and display until March first of the next calendar year. Each number plate displayed shall be horizontal and shall be so fastened as not to swing, and its lower edges shall be at least twelve inches from the ground. Not more than one set of number plates shall be displayed upon any vehicle, except as may be otherwise permitted by this chapter.'

**Sec. 2.** R. S., c. 29, sec. 65; relating to registration certificates and licenses, amended. Section sixty-five of said chapter twenty-nine is hereby amended by inserting after the semi-colon in the third line of said sec-

tion, the words: 'except as provided in paragraph two of section fifty-five of this chapter,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 65. Termination of registrations and licenses to operate. All registrations of vehicles, all certificates of registration and number plates, and all licenses to operate motor vehicles shall terminate and become void at midnight on the thirty-first day of December of each year; except as provided in paragraph two of section fifty-five of this chapter and no person shall operate any motor vehicle on or after the first day of January of any year unless then duly licensed to operate such vehicle for such year.'

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## Chapter 225.

### AN ACT to Correct Typographical and Clerical Errors in the Revision.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas certain errors and omissions were inadvertently made in the revision of the statutes for 1930, and whereas certain of said errors are of great importance and all create uncertainty regarding the existing law, and whereas these facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety and constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution, now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 12, sec. 90, amended.** Section ninety of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line of said section the word "eighty-two" and substituting in place thereof the word 'ninety-six', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 90. **Excise tax to be levied annually.** An excise shall be levied annually as herein provided with respect to each calendar year for the privilege of operating upon the public ways, each motor vehicle to be so operated, subject to the provisions of section ninety-six, as follows: a sum equal to twenty-three mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the first or current year of model, sixteen and one-half mills for the second year, twelve and one-half mills for the third year, nine mills for the fourth year, five and one-half mills for the fifth year and three mills for the sixth and succeeding years; provided, however, that persons registering under the provisions of section forty of chapter twenty-nine, the state and political subdivisions thereof, bona fide dealers or manufacturers of motor vehicles, which motor vehicles are solely for the purpose of demonstration and sale