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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninetieth Legislature

1941

Chapter 222

AN ACT Relating to Notification by Dealers to Secretary of State of Transfer of Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 64, amended. Section 64 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 64. Dealers to notify secretary of state of sale or transfer of motor vehicles. Whenever a manufacturer or dealer sells or exchanges a motor vehicle or trailer, he shall immediately notify the secretary of state that the vehicle has been sold or exchanged, giving the name of the previous owner if a secondhand car, a description of the vehicle, name of maker, motor and serial number, and name and address of the vendee.'

Approved April 12, 1941

Chapter 223

AN ACT Relating to Registration Number Plates for Use on Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 55, amended. Section 55 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 55. Registration number plates; valid until March of next calendar year; certificate of registration to be carried by operator or about the vehicle. The secretary of state shall furnish suitable number plates, seals, and other distinguishing marks, without charge, to every person whose vehicle is registered under this chapter. Such plates shall be of a distinctly different color or shade each year and shall be in such form as the secretary of state may determine; and shall bear the numerals of the year of issue, or the last 2 numerals of said year, the word "Maine" or the abbreviation "Me." in letters not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in height, and on plates issued for passenger vehicles for private use, hire cars, and trucks, there shall be placed at the bottom thereof in letters not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in height the word "Vacationland." The numerals of the register number thereon, except on motor cycle number plates, shall be substantially not less than 3 inches high. The secretary of state may select and issue a special distinguishing letter, mark, or design for number plates issued to manu-

facturers and dealers; also for any temporary or other special classes of registration and for use on motor cycles, trucks, trailers, tractors, and side-cars, which are required to be registered under this chapter.

Number plates so furnished shall be valid only for the calendar year for which they are issued, except that on and after December 25th 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 1st 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 12 inches from the ground. Not more than 1 set of number plates shall be displayed upon any vehicle, except as may be otherwise permitted by this chapter.

The owner who returns number plates with an affidavit that they have never been used shall be refunded the registration fee paid.

In the case of all motor vehicles and tractors, 1 number plate shall be attached to the front and the other to the rear of said vehicle, so that the plates and the registered number thereon shall always be plainly visible. In the case of trailers, semi-trailers, and side-cars, 1 such plate shall be attached to the rear thereof and shall be always plainly visible. All plates shall be kept reasonably clean and the numbers legible.

The certificate of registration shall always be carried on the person of the operator or occupant, or in some easily accessible place in or about the vehicle therein described, except that certificates of registration of dealers need not be so carried.

If any number plate is lost or the register number thereon becomes mutilated or illegible, the owner or person in control of the vehicle for which said number plate was furnished shall immediately place a temporary number plate bearing his register number upon said vehicle. Such temporary number plate shall conform to the register number plate and shall be displayed as nearly as possible as herein provided for said regular number plate, and such person shall within 24 hours after such loss or mutilation give notice thereof to the secretary of state and apply under oath for new number plates; and thereupon the secretary of state, if satisfied of the truth of the facts stated in the application, shall supply a new set of number plates upon payment of a fee of 75c for each plate.

If the secretary of state is unable to furnish immediately to any person entitled thereto any plate or marker provided in this chapter, he may issue a temporary certificate with temporary number plates, which certificate shall be carried and said plates shall be displayed upon said vehicle in the same manner as required for regular certificates and number plates. When-

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ever one of a set of number plates is lost and a new set is issued, as provided in this section, the remaining plate shall forthwith be returned to the secretary of state. In case plates are lost in transportation, and the applicant shall certify in the affidavit that the plates have not been received by him and agrees that if they shall be received at some later date to return them forthwith, the secretary of state, after a thorough investigation, may furnish the applicant with a second set of plates without additional charge.'

Approved April 11, 1941

Chapter 224

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles and Trailers.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 50, amended. Section 50 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 50. Motor vehicles and trailers to be registered; applications; secretary of state may refuse registration. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated, or remain upon any way unless the same is registered and equipped in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Application for such registration may be made by mail or otherwise to the secretary of state upon blanks prepared under his authority. The application shall be signed by the owner and shall contain such particulars as may be required by the secretary of state, including the name, residence and address of the owner, with a brief description of the vehicle, the name of its maker, the motor and serial numbers, the amount of motive power, stated in figures of horse power, and the actual weight of the vehicle, and its load capacity, if intended for commercial use.

The secretary of state shall maintain a file of said applications arranged alphabetically according to the name of the applicant, and in addition thereto shall maintain a file arranged under the name of each make of motor vehicle with the manufacturer's engine or serial numbers. In case said applicant has not given satisfactory answers, the secretary of state shall refuse to register such vehicle, or to issue a license for its operation.

No registration or license shall be required to permit the use of a truck, trailer or tractor on that part of a way adjoining the premises of the owner of such truck, trailer or tractor.

Upon the presentation of an application for registration of a motor vehicle or trailer, the engine or serial number of which has been omitted, altered,