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Any person who holds a journeyman electrician's or limited license under this section or under former section 1202, subsection 1, shall be eligible to take the examination for a master electrician's license, provided that the applicant has completed the number of hours of service or experience required by this subsection.

The board may establish by rule standards in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, to exercise its discretion to determine if a limited license holder applying for a master electrician's license has adequate experience in all phases of electrical installation to take the examination.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 18, 1986.

CHAPTER 735

S.P. 804 - L.D. 2019

AN ACT to Implement the International Registration Plan to Apportion Fees for Certain Commercial Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §242, sub-§1, ¶¶H and I are enacted to read:

H. The Secretary of State shall issue, upon application and payment of \$2, a single cab card for each vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan.

I. The Secretary of State shall, upon application and payment, issue a 72-hour trip permit for \$15 before entering this State for out-of-state vehicles eligible for apportioned registration, but not apportioned with this State. This permit allows for interstate and intrastate operations.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §245, as amended by PL 1981, c. 492, Pt. E, §8, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

With the approval of the Secretary of State, an annual registration fee for the State under the International Registration Plan may be paid in quarterly installments. If the person in whose name a vehicle is registered fails to make timely payment of a fee or an approved quarterly installment of the fee, the Secretary of State may suspend without preliminary hearing the registration of the vehicle pursuant to section 2241, subsection 3. In cases in which a vehicle has been registered as part of a fleet and there has been failure to make a payment for the vehicle, the Secretary of State may suspend registrations for all vehicles in the fleet.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §246, 5th ¶ from the end, as amended by PL 1973, c. 714, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

When a truck is already registered, except for vehicles with apportioned registration, the owner may receive a short-term permit allowing him to haul loads of larger tonnage, providing such loads are not in excess of the requirements of section 1652, for a limited period of 8 months or less. These short-term permits may be obtained, upon payment of the required fee, from any branch office of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of State, from such troop barracks of the Maine State Police as shall be designated by mutual agreement of the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Secretary of State, or from any agent of the Secretary of State who has been appointed for that specific purpose. Such agents appointed by the Secretary of State may charge any applicant for a short-term permit \$1 extra over and above the required permit fee and may retain said dollar as his compensation for performing this function. No such permit shall be issued for less than one month and no permit shall extend beyond the expiration of the regular license. The appointment of such agents shall be limited to either municipal tax collectors or town or city managers. The fee shall be a percentage of the difference between the owner's present annual registration fee and the annual fee for the desired tonnage and shall be computed according to the following table:

1-month permit	20%
2-month permit.....	30%

3-month permit	40%
4-month permit	50%
5-month permit	60%
6-month permit.....	70%
7-month permit	75%
8-month permit	80%

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §2243-A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 245, is amended to read:

§2243-A. Reciprocal and apportioned registrations

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Title, the Secretary of State, in concurrence with the Commissioner of Transportation, is authorized to enter into reciprocal agreements or plans on behalf of the State of Maine with the appropriate authorities of any of the states of the United States, the District of Columbia or any state or province of any country providing for the registration of vehicles on any apportionment or allocation basis and may, in the exercise of this authority, enter into and become a member of the International Registration Plan with an entry date of January 1, 1989.

1. Registration year. Fleets shall be apportioned under the International Registration Plan for a registration year from January 1st to December 31st.

2. Application of plan. The International Registration Plan agreement shall prevail if in conflict with other provisions prescribed by law or rules regarding registration of vehicles. The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules to carry out provisions of the International Registration Plan.

3. Registration transition. The annual registration of motor vehicles that are to be registered under the International Registration Plan become void on January 1, 1988, and the annual registration fees for these vehicles shall be prorated on a monthly basis and be rounded off to the nearest 1/4 of a dollar.

The Secretary of State is further authorized to provide for the registration of a fleet of vehicles

operated by a nonresident owner on an apportionment or allocation basis where such vehicles are regularly being operated between points without the State to points within the State.

For purposes of this section, a fleet shall mean one or more vehicles.

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1981, c. 107, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Motor vehicles. For the privilege of operating a motor vehicle upon the public ways, each motor vehicle, other than a stock race car, to be so operated shall be subject to such excise tax as follows: A sum equal to 24 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the first or current year of model, 17 1/2 mills for the 2nd year, 13 1/2 mills for the 3rd year, 10 mills for the 4th year, 6 1/2 mills for the 5th year and 4 mills for the 6th and succeeding years. The minimum tax for a motor vehicle other than bicycle with motor attached shall be \$5, for bicycle with motor attached, \$2.50. The excise tax on a stock race car shall be \$5.

(2) On new registrations of automobiles, trucks and truck tractors, the excise tax payment shall be made prior to registration and shall be for a one-year period from the date of registration.

(4) Vehicles which are being registered under the International Registration Plan shall be subject to an excise tax determined on a monthly proration basis if their registration period is less than 12 months.

Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§5, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, those vehicles which are being initially registered under the International Registration Plan shall be entitled to an excise tax credit apportioned on the basis of 1/12 for each month of the remaining months in the registration year for which an excise tax was previously paid.

Sec. 7. Effective date. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 1988, pro-

vided that Maine's application to join the International Registration Plan is approved.

Sec. 8. Report. The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall conduct a study to determine the comparative costs of truck operations between Maine and the other New England states and the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec. A report shall be published to be submitted at the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

Effective January 1, 1986, as indicated.

CHAPTER 736

H.P. 1683 - L.D. 2370

AN ACT Relating to the Social Worker Registration Law.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7001, as amended by PL 1983, c. 805, §§4 and 5, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §7001-A is enacted to read:

§7001-A. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Accredited educational institution. An "accredited educational institution" is an institution accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

2. Board. "Board" is the State Board of Social Worker Registration.

3. Certified social worker - independent practice. A "certified social worker - independent practice" is a person who was licensed as a certified social worker and permitted to engage in the independent practice of social work pursuant to section 7052, before January 1, 1985.

4. Clinical setting. A "clinical setting" is a setting where mental disorders are evaluated, pre-