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§ 2241. Suspension or revocation of license or registration

The Secretary of State or the deputy secretary of state may suspend or revoke any certificate of registration or any license issued to any person to operate a motor vehicle or right to operate a motor vehicle or right to obtain an operator's license after hearing for any cause which he deems sufficient. Pending a speedy hearing, he may summarily suspend a license of any motor vehicle operator in his discretion and may order the license or registration certificate to be surrendered to him whenever he has reason to believe that the holder thereof is an improper person or incompetent to operate a motor vehicle, or is operating so as to endanger the public. Neither the certificate nor the license shall be reissued unless upon examination or investigation the said Secretary of State or the appellate court determines that the operator shall again be permitted to operate.

The notification under this section of the suspension or revocation of any certificate of registration or any license issued to any person to operate a motor vehicle shall be sufficient if sent by registered or certified mail to the address given by the registrant or licensee.

Any person who, after notice of such suspension or revocation, fails or refuses to obey any order of the Secretary of State under this section or fails or refuses to surrender to the Secretary of State upon demand any operator's license issued in this State or any other state which has been suspended, cancelled or revoked by proper authority in this State or any other state, as provided by law shall be punished as provided in section 2303.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 6; 1955, c. 10, § 1; 1959, c. 207, § 1; 1961, c. 128, § 2; c. 287, § 3; c. 417, § 35; 1963, c. 137.

§ 2242. Appeals

If any person is aggrieved by the decision of the Secretary of State or the deputy secretary of state in revoking or suspending a license or certificate of registration or by the refusal of the Secretary of State or the deputy secretary of state to issue a license or certificate of registration, he may within 30 days thereafter appeal to the Superior Court, by filing a complaint. The court shall fix a time and place for hearing and cause notice thereof to be given to the Secretary of State. After hearing the court may affirm or reverse the decision of the Secretary of State or the deputy secretary of state and the decision of the court shall be final. Pending judgment of the court, the decision of the Secretary of State or the deputy secretary of state in revoking or suspending any license or certificate of registration shall remain in full force and effect.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 7; 1955, c. 10, § 2; 1961, c. 317, § 23.

§ 2243. Reciprocity

1. Application. The provisions of this Title relative to registration of motor vehicles, tractors and trailers and the issuance of operators' licenses shall not apply to any nonresident owner or operator who shall have complied with the registration and licensing laws of the state, district or country of residence to the extent that said state, district or country of residence grants the same or similar privileges to residents of this State.

1961, c. 70, § 1.

2. Secretary of State to determine. The Secretary of State shall determine what like privileges are granted by such states, districts or countries and his decision shall be final.

3. Limitation. No truck, tractor or trailer owned, leased or operated by a nonresident shall be operated under this section in transportation of merchandise or material in intrastate commerce, nor in interstate commerce unless the point of actual receipt or delivery of any merchandise or material so transported is without the State. Except that a nonresident owned semi-trailer operated by a Maine registered power unit shall be permitted to transport merchandise or material in intrastate commerce.

1955, c. 168.

Nothing in this Title shall be construed to permit a nonresident vehicle, having a weight in excess of or equipped contrary

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to that allowed a similar resident vehicle, to be operated on the ways of this State.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the operation of any vehicle herein described in any manner contrary to this Title relating to other similar vehicles upon ways and bridges of this State. Whoever violates or fails to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 67; 1955, c. 168; 1961, c. 70, § 1.

§ 2244. Revocation or suspension for nonresident operator

The Secretary of State may suspend or revoke the right of any nonresident operator to operate in this State and may suspend or revoke the license or right of any nonresident owner to operate or have operated in this State any vehicle for the same causes and under the same conditions and in the same manner that he could take such action regarding any resident owner or operator, or vehicle owned in this State. Thereupon the right of such nonresident owner or operator to operate or have operated any such vehicle in this State shall terminate, and he shall be subject to the same penalties as any resident owner or operator who operates without license or registration.

Whenever the Secretary of State is notified by the licensing or registration department of another state or country that any licensee or registrant resident therein has had his license or registration suspended, revoked or annulled, the Secretary of State may forthwith suspend, revoke or terminate any right, license or registration granted to such person in this State.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 69.

§ 2245. Notice of revocation or suspension sent to state of issuance

Notice of the revocation or suspension of the right of a nonresident owner or operator of a vehicle to operate or to have operated said vehicle in this State shall forthwith be sent by the Secretary of State to the motor vehicle department of the state or country which issued his license or registration.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 74.