

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGISTRATION UNDER A GENERAL DISTINGUISHING MARK OR NUMBER BY OWNERS OF FLEETS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS. Chap. 511

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend in part to defeat its purpose, which is to make certain provisions of law relative to the registration of motor vehicles and trailers apply to persons who own fleets of such motor vehicles or trailers, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience. Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of "Dealer", as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting the following: — G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 1, etc., amended.

"Dealer", any person who is engaged principally in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles or trailers or motor vehicle bodies or tops. "Dealer" defined.

SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Intersecting way", as so appearing, the following definition: — G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 1, etc., further amended.

"Manufacturer", any person who is engaged in the business of manufacturing motor vehicles or trailers or motor vehicle bodies or tops. "Manufacturer" defined.

SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Operator", as so appearing, the following definition: — G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 1, etc., further amended.

"Owner-repairman", any person who is not a manufacturer, dealer or repairman and who owns a fleet of motor vehicles or trailers which are used by him exclusively in his principal business, and who maintains an establishment with facilities for the repair, alteration or equipment of such motor vehicles or trailers. "Owner-repairman" defined.

SECTION 4. Said section 1 of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Registrar", as so appearing, the following definition: — G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 1, etc., further amended.

"Repairman", any person who is engaged in the business of repairing, altering or equipping motor vehicles for the public. "Repairman" defined.

SECTION 5. Said section 1 of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Trailer", as appearing in section 2 of chapter 354 of the acts of 1939, the following definition: — G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 1, etc., further amended.

"Transporter", any person engaged in the business of transporting or delivering new motor vehicles not owned by him. "Transporter" defined.

SECTION 6. Said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by striking out section 5, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 401 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 5.* Every manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman and Registration of new motor vehicles in transit.

transporter, instead of registering each motor vehicle or trailer owned or controlled by him, may make application for a general distinguishing number or mark, and the registrar, if satisfied of the facts stated in the application, may issue to the applicant a certificate of registration containing the name and business address of the applicant and the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him, and made in such form and containing such further information as the registrar may determine. All motor vehicles or trailers owned or controlled by such manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman or transporter shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark until sold or let for hire, or loaned for a period of five successive days, and all new motor vehicles while being delivered under their own power by a transporter shall be regarded as registered under the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him; provided, that number plates, furnished as hereinafter provided, are properly displayed thereon; except that any motor vehicle or trailer owned or controlled by any owner-repairman shall be deemed not to be registered under the provisions of this section during such time as it is being used in the operation of the principal business of said owner-repairman, or when it is not in the process of being repaired, altered, equipped or transferred from one location to another. The registrar shall, upon payment of the fee provided in section thirty-three, furnish at his office to every manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman and transporter whose vehicles are registered in accordance with this section, such number of pairs of number plates as he may request in writing of suitable design having displayed upon them the register number which is assigned to the vehicles of such manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman or transporter, with a different letter or letters or mark on each pair of number plates, and, in addition, the registrar shall furnish to every transporter with each pair of number plates a corresponding certificate of registration. Number plates furnished hereunder shall, except as provided by section nine, be valid only for the year for which they are issued. Every registration under this section shall expire at midnight on December thirty-first of each year. The word "dealer", for the purposes of the registration of motor vehicles or trailers under any provision of this chapter, may include, in the discretion of the registrar, a person who is engaged in the business of financing the purchase of or insuring motor vehicles, but only in respect to such vehicles as such person may take in possession by foreclosure or subrogation of title and all the provisions of this chapter relating to certificates of registration of dealers shall apply to certificates issued to such a person under this provision.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 33, etc., amended.

SECTION 7. Section 33 of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by striking out the paragraph contained in lines 69 to 75, inclusive, as appearing in the Tercentenary

Edition, and the paragraph inserted by section 2 of chapter 401 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

For the registration of motor vehicles or trailers owned ^{Fee.} by or under the control of a manufacturer, dealer, repairman or owner-repairman, including one or more pairs of number plates as requested in writing by the applicant for registration, three dollars for the registration and three dollars for each pair of number plates furnished by the registrar. For the registration of motor vehicles under the control of a transporter, including one or more pairs of number plates and registration certificates as requested in writing by the applicant for registration, three dollars for the registration and three dollars and fifty cents for each pair of number plates and corresponding certificate of registration furnished by the registrar. *Approved June 8, 1948.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONSTRUCT A SEWER AND SETTLING BASIN AT THE STATE FISH PIER IN GLOUCESTER HARBOR. *Chap. 512*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The department of public works, hereinafter called the department, is hereby authorized and directed to construct a sewer and settling basin and the establishment of a sewer line, from Stores building, so called, to Parker street, at the state fish pier in Gloucester harbor.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act, the department is hereby authorized to expend such sums, as may be appropriated therefor. *Approved June 8, 1948.*

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE TOWN OF NAHANT. *Chap. 513*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. At the first special or annual town meeting following the acceptance of this act by the town of Nahant, as hereinafter provided, the qualified voters of the town shall elect by official ballot five selectmen who shall hold office, two for the term of three years, two for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, six members of the school committee, who shall hold office, two for the term of three years, two for the term of two years and two for the term of one year, three assessors, who shall hold office, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, and a moderator, for a term of one year. Thereafter, the annual town meeting of Nahant for the election of officers shall be held on the third Saturday of March, and at each such meeting there shall be elected, in the place of each selectman, member of the school committee and assessor whose term is about to expire