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Referred to Committee on Highways.

An Act to amend an act entitled "An act defining motor vehicles and providing for the registration of the same and the licensing of the drivers thereof; fixing rules regulating the use and speed of motor vehicles; fixing the amount of license and registration fees; prescribing and regulating process and the service thereof and proceedings for the violation of the provisions of the act and penalties for said violation," approved April eighth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, as amended by an act approved March nineteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and as further amended by an act approved March nineteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and as further amended by an act approved March twelfth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1 1. Section eleven of the act to which this is an amendment is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

3 11. (1) Every manufacturer of automobiles residing and having his principal
4 place of business within this State, instead of registering each automobile owned or
5 controlled by him, may make application, as hereinbefore provided in this act for a
6 registration number, and the written statement, in addition to the matters hereinbe-
7 fore contained, shall state that he is a manufacturer; that he desires to use a single
8 number on automobiles owned or controlled by him while being used for demon-
9 stration purposes or for shop purposes. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may
10 thereupon, if satisfied of the facts stated in the application, issue a certificate as here-

11 in set forth assigning the same a number, which certificate shall contain a statement
12 that the same is issued to the applicant as a manufacturer. One certificate shall cover
13 and be valid for the use of not more than five automobiles of said manufacturer at one
14 time while under his control. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide
15 five sets of identification marks of the general style and kind provided for motor
16 vehicle registrations in this act, and such identification marks shall not be used on any
17 vehicle not actually owned by said manufacturer or operated either by him or his
18 duly authorized agent.

19 All such automobiles shall be regarded as registered under such general number,
20 and in addition to the registration number displayed on the front and rear of the car,
21 as hereafter provided, there shall be added the letter "M" of equal size and promi-
22 nence. The annual fee for such manufacturer's registration shall be five dollars
23 for each car so authorized to be operated under each registration number, and the
24 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue registration certificates in duplicate equal
25 to the number of cars not exceeding five authorized to be operated under the said
26 registration number.

27 (2) Every dealer in automobiles or motor cycles doing business in this State, in-
28 stead of registering each automobile or motor cycle owned or controlled by him
29 may make application as hereinbefore provided in this act, for a registration number,
30 and the written statement, in addition to the matters hereinbefore contained, shall
31 state that he is a dealer; that he desires to use a single number on automobiles or
32 motor cycles owned or controlled by him while being operated for purposes of his
33 business as a dealer and not for hire. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may
34 thereupon, if satisfied of the facts stated in said application, issue certificate as
35 herein set forth, assigning the same a number, which certificate shall contain a state-
36 ment that the same was issued to the applicant as a dealer. One certificate shall
37 cover and be valid for the use of not more than five automobiles or motor cycles of
38 said dealer at one time while under his control. The Commissioner of Motor Ve-
39 hicles shall provide five sets of identification marks of the general style provided for
40 motor vehicle registration in this act, and such identification marks shall not be used
41 on any vehicle not actually owned by said dealer or operated either by him or his
42 duly authorized agent. All such automobiles or motor cycles shall be regarded as

43 registered under such general number, and in addition to the registration number dis-
 44 played on the front and rear of the car or motor cycle as hereafter provided, there
 45 shall be added the letter "D" of equal size and prominence. The annual fee for such
 46 dealer's registration shall be five dollars for each car or motor cycle so authorized to
 47 be operated under such registration number, and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
 48 shall issue registration certificates in duplicate equal to the number of cars or motor
 49 cycles not less than five sets for automobile dealers nor less than three sets for motor
 50 cycle dealers authorized to be operated under said registration number.

51 **[No person or persons shall use or permit the use of the plates issued under a**
 52 **dealer's registrations on any motor vehicle other than those owned by such dealer**
 53 **and operated by such dealer or his employees or for any purpose other than demon-**
 54 **strating said vehicle to a prospective purchaser or testing or removing same from**
 55 **storage place, shipping point or place of delivery before or after sale; nor shall any**
 56 **dealer loan dealer's plates to any person or persons whatsoever, for display upon any**
 57 **motor vehicle not exclusively owned by said dealer.] Dealer's plates shall be issued**
 58 **to bona fide dealers only, and said plates shall be used only on motor vehicles owned**
 59 **by such dealers; nor shall any dealer lend dealer's plates to any person or persons**
 60 **whatsoever for display upon any motor vehicle not exclusively owned by said dealer.**

61 Dealer's plates marked "In Transit" and corresponding in number to the numer-
 62 als displayed on the dealer's registration may be issued by the Commissioner of Mo-
 63 tor Vehicles on application from any dealer. Such plates shall be used solely in the
 64 transportation of motor vehicles from the factory to the place of business of the
 65 dealer within this State and for no other purpose whatsoever. The cost of such deal-
 66 er's plates shall be two dollars for each set.

67 (3) For each vehicle used as an omnibus for the transportation of passengers
 68 for hire, the applicant shall pay an annual fee of fifteen dollars for vehicles having
 69 a carrying capacity of five passengers or less; for each such vehicle having a carry-

ing capacity of not less than six nor more than eight passengers, the
 fee shall be fifteen dollars and fifty cents; for each such vehicle having a

carrying capacity of not less than nine nor more than twelve passengers,

the fee shall be twenty dollars; for each such vehicle having a carrying capacity

of more than twelve passengers, the an-

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operator of any

ers, semitrailers, tractors. The applicant

one, commercial vehicles, trailers, semitrailers and trac-

to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a fee based upon the gross

eight of such vehicle and load, when loaded to its carrying capacity. When the

98 gross weight of the vehicle and load exceeds the gross weight allowed by law for

99 the particular size of tires set forth in the application for registration, then such

100 gross weight of vehicle and load shall be determined according to law upon the size

101 of tires given in such application. The plates to be used for the commercial motor

102 vehicles shall display the word "commercial," and the numerals shall be prefixed

103 by the letter "X"; the trailer plates shall have the letter "T."

104 The fee shall be in accordance with the following table:

105 The gross weight of vehicle and carrying capacity is

106 1,000 pounds or less, \$10.00

107 1,001 to 2,000 pounds, 12.00

108	2,001 to 3,000 pounds,	15.00
109	3,001 to 4,000 pounds,	20.00
110	4,001 to 5,000 pounds,	24.00
111	5,001 to 6,000 pounds,	27.00
112	6,001 to 7,000 pounds,	30.00
113	7,001 to 8,000 pounds,	33.00
114	8,001 to 9,000 pounds,	36.00
115	9,001 to 10,000 pounds,	39.00
116	10,001 to 11,000 pounds,	42.00
117	11,001 to 12,000 pounds,	45.00
118	12,001 to 13,000 pounds,	48.00
119	13,001 to 14,000 pounds,	51.00
120	14,001 to 15,000 pounds,	54.00
121	15,001 to 16,000 pounds,	57.00
122	16,001 to 17,000 pounds,	60.00
123	17,001 to 18,000 pounds,	63.00
124	18,001 to 19,000 pounds,	66.00
125	19,001 to 20,000 pounds,	69.00
126	20,001 to 21,000 pounds,	72.00
127	21,001 to 22,000 pounds,	75.00
128	22,001 to 23,000 pounds,	78.00
129	23,001 to 24,000 pounds,	81.00
130	24,001 to 25,000 pounds,	84.00
131	25,001 to 26,000 pounds,	87.00
132	26,001 to 27,000 pounds,	90.00
133	27,001 to 28,000 pounds,	93.00
134	28,001 to 29,000 pounds,	96.00
135	29,001 to 30,000 pounds,	99.00

136 *Provided*, that no automobile, commercial vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or tractor
137 shall be registered by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles unless the same are
138 equipped with rubber tires on all wheels; *and provided, further*, that any person who
139 shall overload or operate any commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer

140 beyond the gross weight shown in the registration certificate for said vehicle, shall
141 be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars
142 for the first offense, and for any subsequent offense, not less than two hundred and
143 fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and any person who shall operate
144 an automobile, commercial vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or tractor not equipped on
145 all wheels with rubber tires shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than
146 one hundred dollars for the first offense and for any subsequent offense not less
147 than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars; *provided, further*, that
148 tractors used for agricultural purposes may be operated over the highways of this
149 State without being equipped with rubber tires under such regulations as shall from
150 time to time be adopted by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

151 (5) Passenger vehicles. The applicant for registration for motor vehicles shall
152 pay to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for each registration a fee of forty cents
153 per horsepower for the rated horsepower of such motor vehicle or the major frac-
154 tion thereof for the rated horsepower of such motor vehicle up to and including
155 vehicles of a twenty-nine horsepower rating; and all passenger motor vehicles hav-
156 ing a rating of thirty horsepower or more shall pay a fee of fifty cents per horse-
157 power or the major fraction thereof.

158 (6) Motor cycles. The applicant for registration for a motor cycle shall pay to
159 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for each registration a fee of two dollars.

160 (7) Reduction in fee after August first. If application shall be made for the
161 registration of a motor vehicle, commercial motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, trac-
162 tor or omnibus after the first day of August in any year, the applicant shall be re-
163 quired to pay but one-half the registration fee herein provided for in the class to
164 which said vehicle belongs.

165 (8) Refusal of registration. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may refuse
166 registration in the case of any automobile, commercial motor vehicle, trailer, semi-
167 trailer, tractor, or omnibus, that shall not comply with the requirements of this act or
168 that shall seem to him unsuitable for use of the roads and highways of this State.

169 (9) Certificate issued. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue for
170 each automobile so registered a certificate, properly numbered, stating that such
171 motor vehicle or motor cycle is registered in accordance with the law, and shall

172 cause the name of such owner, with his address and the number of his certificate
173 and description of such automobile, to be entered on the records of his department in
174 alphabetical and numerical order. And the holder of said certificate, when requested
175 by any motor vehicle inspector, police officer, or magistrate, while in the perform-
176 ance of the duties of his office, shall exhibit said certificate, to the end that the said
177 motor vehicle inspector, police officer, or magistrate may thereby determine the cor-
178 rectness of said certificate as the same relates to the registration number plates of
179 the motor vehicle for which the said certificate was issued.

180 (10) Duplicate certificates. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, upon pres-
181 entation of a statement duly sworn to, setting forth that the original registration cer-
182 tificate or driver's license has been destroyed, lost or stolen, may, if he is satisfied
183 that the facts as set forth in the statement are substantially true, issue a duplicate
184 registration certificate or driver's license to the original holder thereof, upon the pay-
185 ment to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of a fee of one dollar for each dupli-
186 cate registration certificate or driver's license so issued.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT.

This act permits the use of dealers' license plates by bona fide dealers only on motor vehicles owned by such dealers, and forbids the lending of dealers' plates to any person for use on any motor vehicle not exclusively owned by said dealer.