

# TO ILLINOIS MOTORISTS

- As the State Executive charged with administration of the motor vehicle laws of Illinois I bespeak the active co-operation of all motorists in our efforts to minimize death and injury due to the operation of motor vehicles.
- Experience demonstrates beyond question that 90% of these unfortunate casualties are preventable by:
  - Compliance with the Law, especially with respect to speed;
  - Exercise of care by all concerned, including pedestrians;
  - Literal compliance with the admonition to stop, look and listen at all railroad crossings;
  - Practice of ordinary courtesy of the road;
  - Exhibiting toward other motorists and pedestrians the same regard as you expect them to exhibit toward you;
  - Remembering that the child can not be expected to exercise the same judgment as an adult when crossing the highway or playing in the street—you must think for it!

- Casualties due to automobiles have now reached alarming proportions and it is in the interest of the motorist as well as the great public of Illinois that an improvement be effected immediately.
- In Cook County alone in 1925, approximately 800 men, women, and children were killed in this manner.
- I propose, therefore, as a measure of co-operation with the Chicago Safety Council and other agencies concerned in this extremely important problem, that every motorist carrying an Illinois Emblem resolve that in 1926 he will be a safe driver, profit by the advice herein, study the motor vehicle laws of this State and thus do his share in conserving the lives and limbs of our people.
- Surely your life and the lives of those riding with you are worth the small effort and time required to warrant safe driving under all circumstances.
- Safety First is Humanitarian—and it pays!

LOUIS L. EMMERSON,  
Secretary of State.

## REGISTRATION FEES—Effective Jan. 1, 1926

Fees for the Registration of Motor Vehicles of the First Division (Passenger cars carrying not more than 7 persons)		
Motor Bicycles	Year 1/2 Year	Year 3/4 Year
\$ 4.00	\$2.00	
50 H. P. and more than 25 H. P. and less	8.00	4.00
35 H. P. and more than 25 H. P.	12.00	6.00
Electric motor vehicle	12.00	6.00

Fees for the Registration of Motor Vehicles of the Second Division (Trucks, tractors and vehicles carrying more than 7 persons)		
Year 1/2 Year	Year 3/4 Year	
\$ 12.00	\$ 6.00	
22.50	11.25	
75.00	37.50	
100.00	50.00	
150.00	75.00	

Fees for the Registration of Trailers		
Year 1/2 Year	Year 3/4 Year	
\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	
25.00	12.50	
50.00	25.00	

FEES for Registration as DEALER		
Year 1/2 Year	Year 3/4 Year	
\$20.00	\$10.00	
\$5.00		
\$3.00		

FEES for Registration as CHAUFFEUR		
Year 1/2 Year	Year 3/4 Year	
\$5.00		
\$3.00		

FEES for DUPLICATES		
Year 1/2 Year	Year 3/4 Year	
\$ 1.00		
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## Important Provisions in Motor Vehicle Law

Application for a license must be made within 24 hours after purchase of vehicle.

To retain same number, application and request must be filed 30 days before January 1.

Every person operating a motor vehicle equipped with electric headlight or headlights must dim, drop or extinguish them when within not less than two hundred fifty feet of a motor vehicle approaching in an opposite direction regardless of whether or not the machine is equipped with so-called anti-glare lens or dimming device.

Dealers can only use dealer's license plates on machines operated for sales and demonstrating purposes only.

Law requiring garages to keep records of machines held in their place of business for rental, storage, delivery or repair is repealed.

All bus and freight lines operating regularly over fixed or definite routes between two or more municipalities or from a point or points outside a municipality into a municipality or between two or more points outside a municipality or between two or more points inside a municipality over improved state highways and with fixed schedules or rates shall pay additional license fees per each one hundred pounds gross weight of vehicle and load. The fee is \$1.00 per hundred.

No truck or vehicle of the second division shall be operated on any public highway unless it be equipped with a mirror so attached that it will afford the driver a view of the road behind him.

The maximum speed permitted any vehicle of the first division or passenger cars upon any public highway outside of the limits of an incorporated city, town or village, shall not exceed 35 miles an hour.

Whoever except members of fire or police department drive on any public highway a motor truck which is geared to run at a greater speed than that permitted for such motor truck, or if geared to run at a greater speed is not equipped with an apparatus device fixed so as to prevent the motor truck from attaining a speed greater than that permitted by this act, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Any person operating a motor vehicle knowing that an injury has been caused to person or damage to property due to negligence or to accident shall leave the scene of the accident without giving his name, address and license number to the injured party or to a police officer is subject to \$200.00 fine or imprisonment in county jail one year, or both.

Year	Automobile Licenses Issued Since 1911	Automobile Fees Received Since 1911
1911	38,269	\$105,344.28
1912	68,012	375,716.22
1913	94,646	507,134.77
1914	131,140	703,403.70
1915	180,832	924,905.74
1916	248,429	1,242,509.85
1917	340,292	1,587,772.69
1918	389,761	2,762,567.53
1919	478,438	3,262,176.57
1920	568,789	5,893,586.02
1921	663,348	6,776,781.21
1922	781,974	7,861,211.21
1923	973,803	9,653,795.04
1924	1,132,641	11,546,206.25
1925	1,267,734	12,969,754.04
1926 to May 7th	1,131,435	\$12,027,968.90

### Synopsis of the Motor Vehicle Law

Section 3. Capacity plate to be furnished for vehicles of the truck division in addition to the regular number plates. Vehicle combined with trailers shall not exceed 65 feet without special permit.

Section 4. Requires the owner of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle to procure a license for the same within 24 hours after he becomes the owner thereof.

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License plates must be firmly attached and conspicuously displayed on the front and rear of the motor vehicle to which they are assigned.

Section 7. License plates must be kept clean.

Section 8. Provides a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for maintaining, covering or altering a license plate.

Section 9. Between one hour after sunset and sunrise, every motor bicycle shall carry one lighted lamp, and every motor vehicle shall carry two lighted lamps visible at least 200 feet in the direction the motor bicycle or motor vehicle is proceeding.

Section 10. At least one lighted lamp must be displayed at the rear of the motor vehicle, motor bicycle or trailer, showing a red light visible in the rear view.

Section 11. It is necessary for the operator of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle which is equipped with electric headlights to equip with 250 feet of another vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.

Section 12. Between one hour after sunset and sunrise, every motor vehicle or motor bicycle standing on a public highway must display a light on the front and at the rear of the same. City, town or village may, by ordinance, require any lighted street or highway where cars may be parked without lamps lighted.

Section 13. Manufacturers and dealers in motor vehicles may procure a license covering all makes of cars manufactured or dealt in by them for sales and demonstrating purposes only.

Dealers' plates are different from regular motor vehicle license plates.

Section 14. License plates must be conspicuously displayed on the front and rear of each motor vehicle operated on the public highways.

Section 15. Motorist must give purchaser a Bill of Sale, giving description of car, etc.

Section 16. Lists of dealers' licenses issued, furnished clerks, source books and check of police, in cities of 5,000 or over.

Section 17. No license number except the one issued to the motor vehicle or motor bicycle by the Secretary of State and only the license plates which are furnished by the Secretary of State to the motorist.

Section 18. License plates shall be renewed by the first day of January.

Section 19. The Vendor of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle shall remove the license plate or plates from the vehicle sold and, within ten days after the transaction, file Statement of Change of Ownership on proper blank.

Section 20. No driver shall operate a motor vehicle or motor bicycle which is equipped with electric headlights when within 250 feet of another vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.

Section 21. Motorist must give purchaser a Bill of Sale giving description of car, etc.

Section 22. The purchaser of the vehicle must procure a license for the same.

Section 23. Motor vehicles owned by the State or municipalities may be registered for \$2.00.

Section 24. No person or corporation shall employ as a chauffeur any person who is not licensed as such.

Section 25. No person shall operate a motor vehicle or motor bicycle without the consent of the owner.

Section 26. Any person who accepts any commissions, bonuses or discounts for the purchase of supplies, repair work or anything which is not a part of the vehicle, or who is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 27. Any person who is convicted of moving or attempting to move a motor vehicle or motor bicycle or of causing damage in any part of a motor vehicle shall be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned in the County Jail for not more than six months or both.

Section 28. Motor vehicles approaching from the rear must have the right of way.

Section 29. Cities over 10,000 inhabitants may designate certain streets as preferential traffic streets.

Section 30. Operator of motor vehicle must sound his horn when intending to stop, pass or pass closely in the rear.

Section 31. Any person who shall destroy or alter the engine number or other distinguishing number on a motor vehicle which belongs to another or who shall

as not to endanger the life or limb of any person.

Section 32. Trucks geared to run at a greater speed than that permitted by law must be equipped with a governor.

Section 33. Upon conviction for violation, license shall be suspended for one year.

Section 34. Racing on the public highways of this State is prohibited.

Section 35. No person operating a motor vehicle as a mechanic or employee, or who directly or indirectly receives pay for any service in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle or the transportation of passengers or merchandise with a motor vehicle for hire or for pecuniary profit, must procure a chauffeur's license.

Section 36. Application for license must be accompanied by photographs of the applicant, fee and \$20.00 for license. License, when issued, is executed and accompanied by fee of \$1.00. This number shall then become the lawful engine number.

Section 37. No motor vehicle can be registered without an engine number.

Section 38. All fees collected are deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Road Fund and shall be used to pay bonded indebtedness or may be loaned for construction of roads or for the improvement of the Highways.

NOTE: The operating expenses of the Automobile Department are paid from the fees collected but are paid from appropriations made by the General Assembly, so that all persons who are the "Good Roads" fund of the State and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Section 39. It is necessary for the operator of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle which is in an accident to stop and give name and address and, if not the owner of the machine, give the name and address of the owner, to any one who may inquire into the accident.

Section 40. In missing a person, animal or vehicle on the public highway, it is necessary for the operator of a motor vehicle to keep to the right and pass to the right of the vehicle coming in the same direction.

Section 41. Upon signal from vehicle approaching from the rear, pull to the right and allow it to pass.

Section 42. The operator of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle shall not operate such vehicle within ten feet of the running board of a street railway car which is stopped, except to pass it.

Section 43. No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon the public highway who is intoxicated.

Section 44. Fine for violation of this provision of the law is not more than \$200.00, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than sixty days, or by both.

Section 45A. In case of necessary operator must stop and give name, address, or other or nearest police station or individual. Penalty not to exceed \$200.00 or jail sentence not exceeding one year or both.

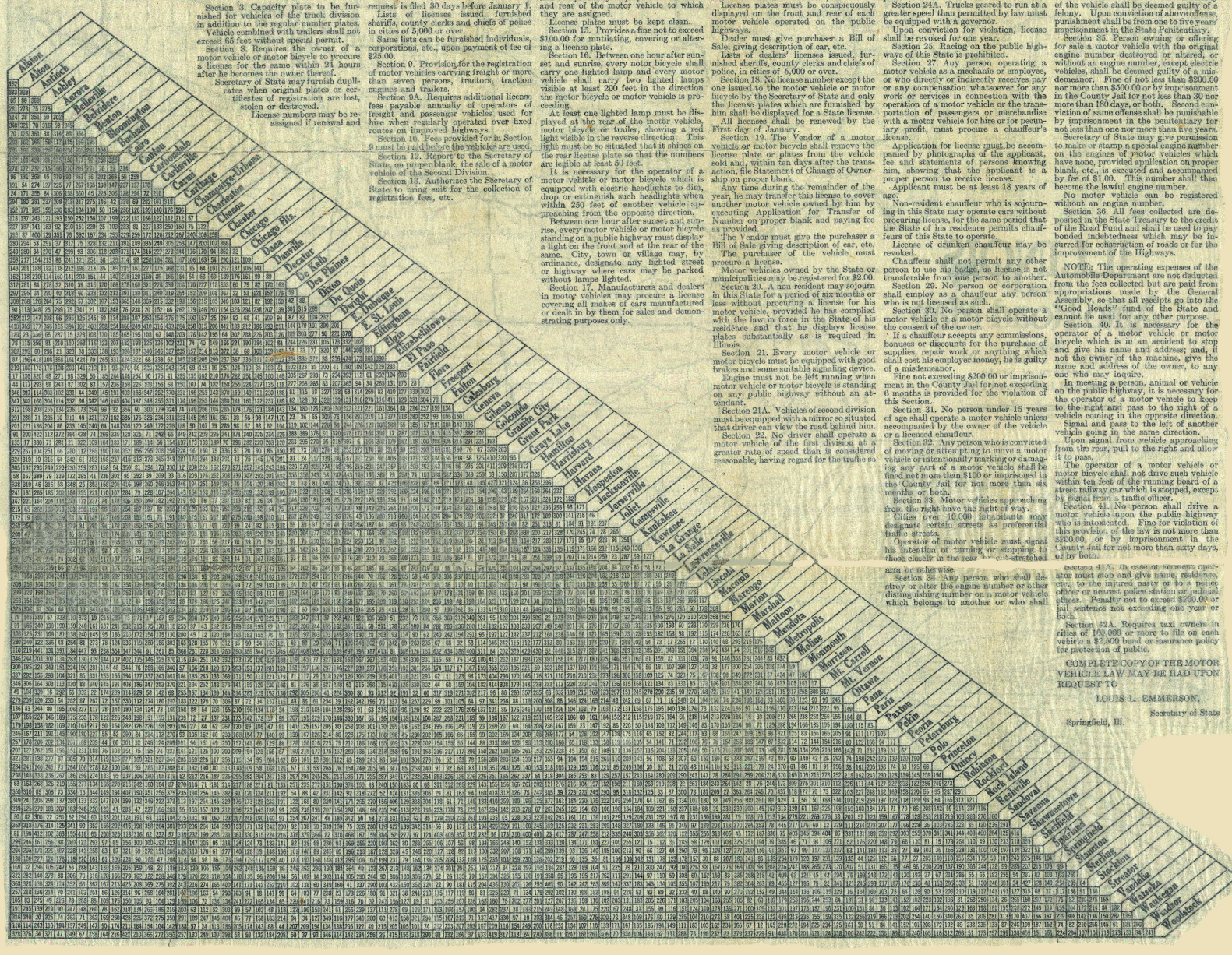
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