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We request your careful consideration of the proposed Uniform Vehicle Traffic Law.

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The attached law was prepared by a Committee representing the organizations named below, and after a number of meetings and a thorough consideration of the subject from the standpoint of the road builder, the user of the road, the manufacturer of vehicles, the carrying capacity of the road, the pedestrian, and the general public's welfare and safety. The Committee practically agreed on all of the provisions except the gross weight of vehicle, including load, and the point at which the width of tire should be measured. It is designed to cover the field in a workable and practical manner. The fees shown are in lieu of all taxes.

The Committee believes that the best interests of the country will be served by the adoption of this law, or as many of its provisions as possible, by each State, and it is recommended to the most favorable consideration of all officials and others who have the preparation of such laws in their States. Especially is it important that the provisions as to speed, height, width, the rules of the road, etc., with the penalties for the violation of the same, be adopted, so that when a driver or operator of a vehicle becomes familiar with the traffic laws of his own State, he will be familiar with those of all the other States.

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ARTICLE I

Definition of Terms

TERMS DEFINED

1. Wherever in this act or in any proceedings under this act the following terms are used they shall be deemed and taken to have the meanings herein ascribed to them:
 - a. "VEHICLE."—Any mechanical device suitable for use on highways except those propelled or drawn by human power or those used exclusively upon tracks.
 - b. "MOTOR VEHICLE."—Any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon tracks, except tractors.
 - c. "TRACTOR."—Any self-propelled vehicle designed or used as a traveling power plant or for drawing other vehicles, but having no provision for carrying loads independently.
 - d. "TRAILER."—Any vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property or passengers wholly on its own structure and for being drawn by a self-propelled vehicle, except those running exclusively on tracks.
 - e. "SEMI-TRAILER."—A vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a self-propelled vehicle that a considerable part of its own weight or that of its load rests upon and is carried by the towing vehicle.
 - f. "PNEUMATIC TIRES."—Tires of rubber and fabric, inflated with air.
 - g. "SOLID TIRES."—Tires of rubber or similarly elastic material that do not depend on confined air for the support of the load.
 - h. "SOLID-TIRE VEHICLE."—Any vehicle equipped with two or more solid tires.
 - i. "MANUFACTURER"—"DEALER."—Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the manufacturer, sale, purchase or leasing of vehicles.
 - j. "OWNER."—Any person, firm, corporation or association holding title to a vehicle or having exclusive right to the use thereof for a period greater than 30 days.
 - k. "OPERATOR."—Any person who drives or operates a motor vehicle or tractor.
 - l. "CHAUFFEUR."—An operator for hire.
 - m. "STATE."—A territorial or Federal district of the United States.

n. "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION."—Any county, city, town, borough, village, township or other similar governmental unit of a State.

o. "LOCAL AUTHORITIES."—Representatives of political subdivisions of the State, duly elected or appointed to administer the laws and ordinances.

p. "HIGHWAY."—Any public thoroughfare for vehicles.

ARTICLE II

Vehicle Commissioner

INSTITUTION OF THE OFFICE

1. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Secretary of State, State Highway Commissioner or any other duly elected or appointed official in whom the administration of this law may now or hereafter be vested shall be known as the "Vehicle Commissioner," and exercise all the powers granted to and perform all the duties imposed upon such office by this act.

ASSISTANT VEHICLE COMMISSIONER

2. Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Vehicle Commissioner may appoint and fix the salaries of such Assistant Vehicle Commissioners as he may require to enable him properly to carry out the provisions of this act.

DEPUTIES

3. The Vehicle Commissioner may employ, with the consent and approval of the Governor, such number of deputies, equipped with motorcycles or otherwise, as in his opinion may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this act. Said Commissioner shall have the authority to discharge or dismiss said deputies at his discretion.

SPECIAL DEPUTIES

4. Said Commissioner shall also have power to appoint special duties, who shall serve without compensation, to properly enforce the provisions of this act. Such special deputies shall have power to make summary arrests without warrant for offenses committed in their view, and cause the offender to be brought to trial as hereinafter provided.

OTHER EMPLOYEES

5. Subject to any laws of this State regulating the employment and discharging of employees and the fixing of their salaries, the Vehicle Commissioner shall have power to hire and discharge such other employees as he may require to enable him properly to carry out the provisions of this act.

OFFICE QUARTERS OF VEHICLE COMMISSIONER

6. The Vehicle Commissioner shall maintain an office or offices at the State Capital and in such other places in the State as he may deem necessary to enable him properly to carry out the provisions of this act.

MONTHLY REPORT

7. The Vehicle Commissioner shall publish, in pamphlet form, each calendar month a complete list of all certificates of registration issued during the previous month, together with the registration numbers assigned, and if motor vehicles, the horsepower of such vehicles and any other information as he may deem to be of public interest. Said pamphlet shall show the aggregate amount of money received from all sources during the previous month, together with all the disbursements covering the same period. Copies of such pamphlets shall be furnished free of charge to such public officials of the State as may apply in writing for same. Copies of said pamphlet shall also be furnished to all other persons applying for same at a price not to exceed \$3.00 per year, 50c per copy.

DIGEST OF THIS ACT

8. In addition, the Vehicle Commissioner shall prepare a brief synopsis of this act, setting forth its cardinal points, especially those dealing with violations in the use of motor vehicles, and furnish, free of cost, a copy of same to each applicant for a license and to any other citizen of the State upon application.

ARTICLE III

Registration of Vehicles

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

1. No vehicle shall be operated upon any highway of this State until it shall have been registered as hereinafter required.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

2. Every owner of a vehicle, desiring to register same, shall file with the Vehicle Commissioner, on a blank prepared by him, an application for the registration of such vehicle, stating the weight of the vehicle in pounds and its rated load carrying capacity, or seating capacity, and, in the case of motor vehicles and tractors, the horsepower of the engine or motor, and such other information as the Vehicle Commissioner may require. The said owner shall make an oath or affirmation before the Vehicle Commissioner or any other officer authorized by law to take oaths or af-

firmations that the statements made in said application blank are correct and true; and any false statement made in regard thereto shall be deemed perjury and punished accordingly.

ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

3. The Vehicle Commissioner, on approval of such application and upon payment of the registration fee, as hereinafter provided for, shall file such application and assign to it a distinguishing number or mark, and thereupon issue to the owner a certificate of registration which shall contain the name, place of residence and postoffice address of the owner, and the number or mark assigned. Such certificate shall be called the "Registration Certificate," and shall be retained by the owner until it expires or his ownership of the vehicle is terminated.

ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION PLATES

4. The Vehicle Commissioner shall also, without expense to the owner, issue and deliver to him such number of plates bearing the abbreviation of the State and the number or mark assigned as may be necessary to properly carry out the provisions of this act. Such plate shall be known as the "Registration Plate." Such plates shall be of a different color or shade each year, and there shall be marked contrast between the color of the plates and the numerals and letters thereon. The figures on said plates shall not be less than four inches in height, nor the strokes thereof less than one-half inch in width, provided that in the case of motorcycles and horse-drawn vehicles said letters and figures shall be not less than one inch in height and the strokes thereof one-eighth of an inch in width.

REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MANUFACTURERS OR DEALERS

5. Every manufacturer or dealer in motor vehicles, tractors, trailers or semi-trailers may make application, by mail or otherwise, upon a blank provided by the Vehicle Commissioner, for a general distinguishing number or mark instead of registering separately each vehicle owned or controlled by him, and with such application he shall deposit the proper registration fee as hereinafter provided. All of said vehicles owned or controlled by such manufacturer or dealer shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark until sold or let for hire or loaned for a period of not more than five successive days. The Vehicle Commissioner shall furnish at his office, without charge, to every manufacturer

or dealer whose vehicles are registered in accordance with the provisions of this section, five registration plates or pairs of registration plates of suitable design, the plates to have displayed upon them the registration number which is assigned to the vehicles of such manufacturer or dealer, together with such mark or marks as may enable such plates or pairs of plates to be distinguished from one another.

REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION PLATES FOR OFFICIAL VEHICLES

6. Vehicles owned and used by the State or any political subdivision thereof shall be exempt from the provisions of this act requiring payment of registration fees, but all such vehicles shall be registered as herein required and shall display official registration plates approved and furnished by the Vehicle Commissioner.

TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PLATES

7. In the event that said Vehicle Commissioner shall be unable immediately to furnish such registration plate or plates as herein required to the person entitled thereto, he may issue a temporary registration plate or plates.

EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION AND USE OF REGISTRATION PLATE

8. The registration certificate provided for in this section and the right to use the registration plate aforesaid shall expire at midnight on December 31st of the year for which issued.

DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES AND PLATES

9. When claim is made of loss or destruction of any registration plate or registration certificate issued by the Vehicle Commissioner under the provisions of this act, the Vehicle Commissioner shall, if satisfied of such loss or destruction, issue a duplicate thereof upon payment of the fee hereinafter provided for such duplicate.

TRANSFER OR SURRENDER OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES OR PLATES

10. Upon the transfer of ownership, destruction, theft or the permanent removal by the owner thereof from this State of any vehicle registered in accordance with the provisions of this act, the right of the owner of such vehicle to use the registration certificate and plate or plates assigned such vehicle shall expire, provided that the Vehicle Commissioner may transfer the registration of such vehicle to another vehicle of such owner or permit him to surrender such certificate and plate or plates in return for a refund based on quarterly periods of unexpired use. Such transfer of

registration and registration plate or plates shall be made only upon payment by application therefor of the fee for transfer as hereinafter provided and upon the readjustment of the registration fee based upon the horsepower and weight of the vehicle to which such registration and registration plates are to be transferred.

ILLEGAL REGISTRATION OR OBTAINING OF PLATES

11. Any person who shall obtain a registration certificate or a registration plate by misrepresentation or any other method not authorized by law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50) dollars, said penalty to apply to the owner as well as the operator.

ARTICLE IV

Authorization of Pupil Operators

PROCEDURE

1. Any person desiring to receive instruction in the operation of motor vehicles or tractors shall first apply for and obtain a pupil's permit. Such permit shall entitle the person to operate a motor vehicle when accompanied by a licensed operator for a period of thirty days from the date of its issue. At or before the expiration of the thirty-day period the person permitted to receive instruction and desiring to obtain an operator's or chauffeur's license, as hereinafter provided, shall apply therefor in person to the Vehicle Commissioner or one of his deputies, at a place within the State which the Vehicle Commissioner may designate for the convenience of applicants. Upon surrendering the pupil's permit and undergoing a satisfactory examination as to his qualifications to operate such motor vehicles or tractors, such person shall be entitled to receive such license upon approval of his application and upon the payment of the fee as herein-after provided.

ARTICLE V

Registration and Licensing of Operators

LICENSE REQUIRED

1. No person shall operate a motor vehicle or tractor upon any highway of this State until he or she first shall have applied for and obtained a license for the purpose. Such license in the case of operators shall be good until revoked, and in the case of chauffeurs

shall be good for one year from date unless sooner revoked.

APPLICATION BLANKS FOR LICENSES

2. Applications for licenses shall be made upon blanks provided by the Vehicle Commissioner, and said application blanks shall be in such form and contain such provisions, not inconsistent with this act, as said Vehicle Commissioner may determine.

CHARACTER OF LICENSE

3. Said license shall state the name, age, postoffice address of the licensee and the number assigned to him, and shall entitle the licensee to operate any vehicle of any make, unless otherwise specified thereon. Said license shall have endorsed thereon in the proper handwriting of the licensee the name of said licensee, and when requested by a proper officer in the discharge of his duties under the law, said licensee shall write his name in the presence of said officer, to the end that the identity of said licensee may be determined. A number shall be assigned to each of said licenses and a proper record of all applications and licenses, and all licenses issued, shall be kept by the Vehicle Commissioner, and shall be open to public inspection.

REFUSAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

4. The Vehicle Commissioner may require an actual demonstration or other evidence of the qualifications of such applicant to operate such motor vehicle or tractor, and may refuse to issue license if, in his judgment, the safety of the public would be jeopardized thereby. The Vehicle Commissioner may also, after due hearing upon not less than five days' notice in writing, send by registered mail to the address given by the operator when applying for his license certificate, which shall constitute a sufficient form of notice, suspend or revoke the operator's license issued to any person under this act for any cause which he may deem sufficient. The Vehicle Commissioner may take into consideration in refusing, suspending or revoking licenses the penalties (except for minor speed violations) imposed by duly authorized officials in other States, where such records are kept and reported, if he deems the acts causing such penalties to be imposed to be of sufficient importance to justify such refusal, suspension or revocation.

APPEAL FROM REFUSAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION

5. Every applicant for an operator's license whose application shall have been refused, and every licensee

whose operator's license shall have been suspended or revoked by said Vehicle Commissioner, may appeal from such refusal, suspension or revocation to the Circuit Court of the county or to the City Court of a city in which county or city the licensee may live; provided, however, that such appeal shall not operate as a stay to such order of decision by the Vehicle Commissioner. The decision of said court shall be final.

NEW LICENSE AFTER REVOCATION

6. No person shall, for a period of three months from the date of the revocation of his operator's license, be capable of receiving a new operator's license, nor thereafter except at the discretion of the Vehicle Commissioner.

REVOCATION

7. Any person whose license to operate a vehicle in this State shall have been refused, suspended or revoked as aforesaid, and who shall operate a vehicle, or any person who shall operate a vehicle the registration of which has been refused, suspended or revoked as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars nor more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or to imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one year, or both fine and imprisonment, such penalty to apply to both owner and operator.

LICENSE OFFENSES

8. It shall be unlawful to obtain an operator's license by misrepresentation or to allow an operator's license to be used by any person other than the one to whom it was issued, or to change the name of the licensee appearing upon any such license issued by the Vehicle Commissioner. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars.

ARTICLE VI

Recognition of Non-Resident Registrations and Licenses

BASIS FOR RECIPROCITY

1. Any vehicle not owned in this State or any operator not a resident of this State may, for a period not to exceed three months in any one year, use the highways of this State without being registered or licensed as required in this act, provided that such vehicle or

operator shall have been registered or licensed under the laws of the State in which such vehicle is owned or such operator resided; provided also that such vehicle shall display its registration plate prominently and that such operator shall on demand of the proper authorities present his operator's license; and provided further, that the State or Federal District in which such vehicle is owned or such operator resides shall extend the same privileges to vehicles owned in this State and to operators residing in this State.

INITIAL STEPS

2. The Governor of this State is hereby authorized and empowered to confer and advise with the proper officers and legislative bodies of this and other States and Federal Districts of the Union, with a view to entering into reciprocal agreements under which the registrations of vehicles owned in this State and the licenses of operators residing in this State will be recognized by such other States and Federal Districts.

ARTICLE VII

Registration, Licensing and Permit Fees

FEES AND AMOUNTS THEREOF

1. The fees for the registration and licensing of vehicles and for the registration and licensing of operators, chauffeurs and pupils, as hereinbefore required, shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

a.—Motor Vehicles

Equipped with	Per h. p.	Per 100 lb. gross weight of vehicle load.
Pneumatic tires	25 cents	25 cents
Solid tires	25 cents	35 cents
Iron, steel or other hard tires..	25 cents	50 cents

Motor vehicles used for the purpose of transporting persons for hire shall pay double the above rates.

b.—Tractors

Equipped with	Per h. p.	Per 100 lb. weight
Pneumatic tires	25 cents	25 cents
Solid tires	25 cents	35 cents
Iron, steel or other hard tires..	25 cents	50 cents

Tractors used for agricultural purposes shall pay one-tenth of the above rates.

c.—Trailers and Semi-Trailers

Equipped with	Per 100 lb. gross weight of vehicle and load
Pneumatic tires	15 cents
Solid tires	25 cents
Iron, steel or other hard tires.....	35 cents

d. Motorcycles \$5.00 each
 e. Motorcycle sidecars \$5.00 each
 f. Horse-drawn vehicles \$3.00 each

(Except those used for agricultural purposes and for transportation of passengers not for hire.)
 Weighing *not more* than 1,000 lbs., unloaded... \$3.00
 Weighing more than 1,000 lbs., unloaded..... \$3.00
 for first 1,000 lbs. and 50c for each additional 100 lbs. weight of vehicle.

Horse-drawn vehicles used *solely* for agriculture shall pay one-half of the above rates.

g.—Motor Vehicle and Tractor Manufacturers and Dealers.

Registration and first five sets or pairs of plates \$25.00
 Each additional set or pair of plates..... 2.00

h.—Trailer, Semi-Trailer and Motorcycle Manufacturers and Dealers.

Registration and first five plates..... \$20.00
 Each additional plate 2.00
 i.—Pupil's permits \$1.00 each
 j.—Operators' and chauffeurs' license.... 2.00 each
 k.—Duplicate licenses50 each
 l.—Duplicate plates 1.00 each

BASIS OF HORSEPOWER FEES

2. For the purpose of charging fees based upon the horsepower of a motor vehicle or tractor the following provisions shall be used:

a. "INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE."—In the computation of fees based on the horsepower of vehicles propelled by internal combustion engines, except motorcycles, said horsepower shall be computed and recorded upon the following formula, known as the "National Automobile Chamber of Commerce Formula":

"Square of the bore of the cylinders in inches, multiplied by number of cylinders, divided by $2\frac{1}{2}$ ($D^2 \times N \div 2\frac{1}{2}$)."

b. "STEAM VEHICLES."—In the computation of fees for all vehicles propelled by steam the horsepower rating shall be based on the system of rating adopted by the United States Government.

c. "ELECTRIC VEHICLES."—For vehicles propelled by electricity the rating shall be the normal horsepower designated by the manufacturers of the electric motor or motors.

BASIS OF WEIGHT FEES

3. In the computation of fees based on gross weight said gross weight shall, in the case of freight or merchandise vehicles, be the actual weight of the vehicle in pounds plus the manufacturer's rated load capacity, and in the case of passenger vehicles shall be the actual weight of vehicles plus the sum of the adult seating capacity multiplied by 150 pounds.

DISPUTED CLASSIFICATIONS

4. The Vehicle Commissioner shall have the authority, in disputed cases, to determine the classification in which any vehicle belongs and the amount of the fee which shall be paid therefor.

TIME COVERED BY FEES

5. The fee for an operator's license shall be good until said license is revoked. All other charges above prescribed shall be for a calendar year, provided that the certificate or license upon which they are based is issued prior to April 1st of said year. If, however, said certificate or license be issued after April 1st and before July 1st the charge shall be three-quarters of that for the calendar year; if after July 1st and before October 1st, one-half, and if after October 1st, one-fourth.

FEES TO COVER EVERYTHING

6. The foregoing fees shall be paid to the Vehicle Commissioner at the time of issuance of said registration certificates, permits or licenses. They shall include all costs of registration, issuance of permits, licenses and certificates and the furnishing of registration plates, and shall be in lieu of all other State or local taxes, registration or license fees, privilege taxes or other charges.

ARTICLE VIII

Obligatory Equipment of Vehicles

REGISTRATION PLATES

1. Unless otherwise provided for herein, every duly registered vehicle shall at all times have displayed entirely unobscured and kept reasonably clean, and so fastened as not to swing, the registration plate or plates issued by the Vehicle Commissioner. In the case of motor vehicles and tractors one plate shall be displayed on the front and the other on the rear of

said vehicle; in the case of trailers, semi-trailers, and motorcycles one plate shall be used and displayed at the rear thereof; in the case of horse-drawn vehicles one plate shall be displayed on the right side thereof.

LOAD PLATES

2. All vehicles shall have attached to the right side thereof in some conspicuous place a plate giving the actual weight of the vehicle, with equipment and the weight of the seating or loading capacity of such vehicle as specified by the manufacturer.

BRAKES

3. Every motor vehicle and tractor shall be equipped with two sets of brakes operating independently.

HORN OR SIGNALLING DEVICE

4. Every motor vehicle and tractor when in use on the highways shall be equipped with a suitable horn or signalling device for producing an abrupt sound as a signal or warning of danger.

LAMPS

5. Every vehicle which shall use the highways of this State at night shall be equipped with a lamp or lamps, as hereinafter provided, of sufficient power and so adjusted and operated as to enable the operator of such vehicle to proceed with safety to himself and to other users of the highways under all ordinary conditions of highway and weather.

a. "FRONT LAMPS."—Every motor vehicle and tractor shall have mounted on the right and left sides of the front thereof a pair of lamps of approximately equal candle-power, and every motorcycle shall have mounted on the front thereof one lamp. If said vehicles are so mechanically constructed, governed or controlled that they cannot exceed a speed of fifteen miles per hour they shall have front lamps capable of furnishing light of sufficient candle-power to render any substantial object clearly discernible on a level highway at least fifty feet directly ahead and at the same time at least seven feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle for a distance of at least twenty-five feet. If said vehicles can exceed a speed of fifteen miles per hour, then they shall have front lamps capable of furnishing light of sufficient candle-power to render any substantial object clearly discernible on a level highway at least two hundred feet directly ahead and at the same time at least seven feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle for a distance of at least one hundred feet; provided that no front lamp capable of furnishing more than four candle-power light shall be used if equipped with a reflector, unless so designed, equipped or mounted that no portion of

the beam of light when projected seventy-five feet or more ahead of the lamps shall rise above a plane forty-two inches higher than and parallel with the level surface on which the vehicle stands; and provided, further, that no electric bulb or other lighting device of a greater capacity than thirty-two candle-power shall be used, no matter how the same may be shaded, covered or obscured.

b. "SIDE LAMPS."—Every trailer and semi-trailer, except small two-wheel trailers of 1,000 pounds capacity or less towed closely behind a motor vehicle, and semi-trailers when towed alone, whose overall length, in both cases, including towing vehicle and load, does not exceed thirty feet, when on the highways of this State at night shall carry at the front of its left side one lamp capable of throwing a white light visible from both sides of such vehicle.

c. "REAR LAMPS."—Every motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semi-trailer when on the highways of this State at night shall have on the rear thereof, and to the left of the axis thereof, one lamp capable of displaying a red light visible for a distance of at least one hundred feet behind such vehicle, provided that when a vehicle is used in conjunction with another vehicle or vehicles only the last of such vehicles shall be required to carry such a lamp. Every motor vehicle, tractor, trailer and semi-trailer when on the highways of this State at night shall carry a lamp illuminating with white light the registration plate of such vehicle so that the characters thereon shall be visible for a distance of at least fifty feet.

SAFETY DEVICE FOR TRAILERS

6. Trailers having more than two wheels, when operated on the highways of this State, shall be connected to the towing vehicle or preceding trailer by at least one chain, in addition to the hitch-bar, of sufficient strength to hold the trailer on a hill if the hitch-bar becomes disconnected, or shall be provided with some other adequate device to prevent rolling backward down hill.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

7. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars.

ARTICLE IX Operation of Vehicles

DISPLAY OF REGISTRATION PLATE

1. No person shall operate or permit to be operated on the highways of this State a vehicle unless he shall

display or cause to be displayed thereon the registration plate or plates of such vehicle, as in this act provided. No person shall operate or permit to be operated a vehicle registered in this State upon which there is displayed the registration plate of another State or a fictitious registration plate, or the plate of another vehicle, or the plate of a previous owner of the same vehicle; provided, however, that in the event of the sale of a vehicle the person purchasing the same may for a period of not more than five days operate such vehicle under the registration of its previous owner and display the registration plate thereof, provided that he shall have and display on the demand of any proper officer the consent in writing of such previous owner so to use such registration. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50) dollars.

RESTRICTIONS AS TO OPERATORS

2. Persons under age.

a. No person, whether resident or non-resident of this State, under sixteen years of age, shall operate a motor vehicle, tractor or motorcycle upon any highway of this State. Violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars nor more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or to imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment, to apply to both owner, if present, and operator.

Persons under influence of liquor or drugs.

b. No persons shall operate a vehicle on the highways of this State when under the influence of liquor or drugs. Any person guilty of this offense shall be fined not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars nor more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.

Unauthorized persons.

c. No person shall operate any vehicle upon the highways of this State without the knowledge and consent of the owner of such vehicle. Any person so doing shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50) dollars.

RESTRICTIONS AS TO SIZE

3. No vehicle shall be operated on the highways of this State whose width, including load, is greater than ninety-six (96) inches (except traction engines, whose width shall not exceed one hundred and eight (108) inches, a greater height than twelve (12) feet six (6) inches or a greater length than thirty (30) feet, and no combination of vehicles coupled together shall be so

operated whose total length, including load, shall be greater than eighty-five (85) feet, provided that in special cases vehicles whose dimensions exceed the foregoing may be operated under permits granted as hereinafter provided.

RESTRICTIONS AS TO WEIGHT

4. No vehicle of four wheels or less, whose gross weight, including load is more than twenty-eight thousand (28,000) pounds; no vehicle having a greater weight than twenty-two thousand and four hundred (22,400) pounds on one axle, and no vehicle having a load of over eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width of tire upon any wheel concentrated upon the surface of the highway (said width in the case of rubber tires to be measured between the flanges of the rim) shall be operated on the highways of this State; provided that in special cases vehicles whose weight, including loads, exceed those herein prescribed may be operated under special permits granted as hereinafter provided.

SPECIAL PERMITS

5. The Special Permit required by Sections No. 3 and No. 4 of this Article, for the operation of a vehicle whose size or weight with load exceeds the limits prescribed in this act, shall be in writing and be issued at the discretion of the Vehicle Commissioner of this State or of those officials of this State's political subdivisions who have charge of the highways and bridges over which such vehicle is to operate. Such permit may be issued for a single trip or for a definite period not beyond the date of expiration of the vehicle registration, and may designate the highways and bridges to be used.

RESTRICTIONS AS TO SPEED

6. No vehicle of the kinds and weights enumerated in this section shall be operated on the open country highways, suburban streets or urban streets of this State at a greater rate of speed than herein prescribed. For the purposes of this act an "open country highway" shall be regarded as a highway or portion thereof greater than one-quarter of a mile of length along either side of which the buildings average more than three hundred feet apart, a "suburban street" as such highway or portion thereof less than one-quarter of a mile of length on either side of which the buildings average less than three hundred but more than fifty feet apart; an "urban street" shall be such highway or portion thereof other than an open country highway or suburban street.

SPEED LIMITS

a. Vehicles designed for carrying not more than seven passengers.

Maximum weight, including gross weight of vehicle and load.	Open country highway	Suburban street.	Urban street.
6,000 lbs.....	30 miles	20 miles	15 miles

b. Other vehicles, equipped with pneumatic tires.

6,000 lbs.....	25 miles	20 miles	15 miles
8,000 ".....	25 "	20 "	15 "
12,000 ".....	25 "	20 "	15 "
16,000 ".....	25 "	20 "	15 "
20,000 ".....	25 "	20 "	15 "
24,000 ".....	25 "	20 "	15 "
28,000 ".....	25 "	20 "	15 "

c. Vehicles equipped with solid tires.

4,000 lbs.....	25 miles	20 miles	15 miles
8,000 ".....	20 "	18 "	12 "
12,000 ".....	18 "	15 "	12 "
16,000 ".....	16 "	15 "	12 "
20,000 ".....	15 "	15 "	12 "
24,000 ".....	15 "	15 "	12 "
28,000 ".....	15 "	15 "	12 "

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF SIZE, WEIGHT AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS

7. Any person who shall operate on the highways of this State a vehicle whose size or weight is in excess of that herein prescribed, or who shall operate a vehicle at a great rate of speed than that herein allowed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars for the first offense and not less than fifty (\$50) dollars nor more than five hundred (500) dollars for the second offense.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

8. Every person operating a vehicle upon the highway of this State shall observe the following traffic rules and regulations:

a. All vehicles not in motion shall be placed with their right sides as near the right and side of the highway as practical, except on city streets where traffic is obliged to move in one direction only.

b. Slow moving vehicles shall at all times be operated as close to the right hand side of the highway as practical.

c. An operator meeting another vehicle coming from the opposite direction on the same highway shall turn to the right of the center of the highway so as to pass without interference.

d. An operator in rounding curves shall reduce speed and shall keep his vehicle as far to the right on the highway as reasonably possible.

e. An operator of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle going in the same direction and desiring to pass the same shall pass to the left of the vehicle so overtaken, provided that the way ahead is clear of approaching traffic, but if the way is not clear he shall not pass unless the width of the roadway is sufficient to allow his vehicle to pass to the right of the center thereof in the direction in which his vehicle is moving; Provided further, that no operator shall pass a vehicle from the rear at the top of a hill or on a curve where the view ahead is in any way obscured or while the vehicle is crossing an intersecting highway. An operator overtaking and desiring to pass a vehicle shall blow his horn and the operator of the vehicle so overtaken shall promptly, upon such signal, turn his vehicle as far as reasonably possible to the right in order to allow free passage on the left of his vehicle.

f. An operator intending to turn his vehicle to the left shall extend his arm in a horizontal position and slow down.

g. An operator intending to turn his vehicle to the right shall extend his arm with the forearm raised at right angles and slow down.

h. An operator intending to stop his vehicle shall extend his arm and move it up and down in a vertical direction.

i. An operator of a vehicle shall have the right of way over the operator of another vehicle who is approaching from the left in an intersecting highway shall give the right of way to an operator of a vehicle approaching from the right on an intersecting highway.

j. An operator of a vehicle shall bring the same to a full stop not less than five feet from the rear of any street car headed in the same direction which has stopped for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers, and shall remain standing until such car has taken on or discharged said passengers, however, provided that said operator may pass such street car where a safety zone is established by the proper authorities, or where said operator may pass such car at a distance of at least eight feet therefrom, and provided further that he shall have slowed down and proceeds cautiously.

k. An operator shall reduce speed at crossing or intersecting of highways, on bridges, on sharp turns and steep descents, and when passing any animal being led on the highway.

l. An operator shall not use the cut out of a motor vehicle while on the highways of this State.

m. An operator of a motor vehicle or tractor shall sound his horn or other signalling device when approaching points on the highway where the view ahead is not clear or where the view of the side of

an intersecting highway is obstructed, provided that in no case shall such horn or signalling device be used for the purpose of making any unnecessary noise.

n. Whenever there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible a substantial object on the highway at a distance of two hundred feet ahead, the operator of a vehicle shall light and keep lighted all the lamps with which, under the provisions of this Act, said vehicle must be equipped, provided that in the event of a bonafide failure of one or more lights the operator may proceed to his destination provided he sounds his horn or other signalling device once in every four hundred feet, and proceeds at a rate of speed not greater than ten (10) miles per hour to the nearest place where he can put his lamps in order. Spotlights used on vehicles having left-hand drive shall be placed on the left hand side of such vehicles, and the rays of such spotlights shall not be thrown to the left of the center of the vehicle for more than one hundred feet in advance thereof while the vehicle is in motion; spotlight used on vehicles having right-hand drive shall be placed on the right-hand side of such vehicle and the rays of such spotlight shall at all times be on the right of the center line of the car. No person shall turn off any of the lights of a vehicle for the purpose of avoiding arrest or identification.

o. All vehicles carrying poles or other objects which project more than five feet from the rear shall, during the period of from one-half after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, carry a red light at or near the rear end of the pole or other object so projecting. During the period of from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset vehicles shall carry a danger signal at or near the rear end of the pole or other object so projecting.

p. Any person who shall be found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars.

ACCIDENT REQUIREMENTS

9. In case of an accident the operator of a vehicle shall stop immediately, and, upon request, give his name, address and the number of his operator's license, and render such assistance as may be reasonable and necessary, provided that in all cases of accident resulting in injury to any person the operator shall immediately report the details of the same to the Vehicle Commissioner. Any person knowingly violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25)

dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars for first offense, provided that any person convicted of failing to stop and give his name and render assistance in a serious injury to any person shall be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars nor more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or to imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than one year. This penalty shall apply to owner as well as operator.

ARTICLE X

Use of Highways for Pedestrian Travel or Play

TRAVEL ON HIGHWAYS

1. Pedestrians shall not use the highways for travel except when obliged to do so by the absence of sidewalks reasonably suitable for their use, in which case they shall keep as near as reasonably possible to the right-hand side of the same.

CONGREGATION ON HIGHWAYS

2. Pedestrians shall not stop nor congregate on any highway in such a manner or under such circumstances as to obstruct the free use of the same for vehicular traffic.

CROSSING OF HIGHWAYS

3. A pedestrian shall not cross a highway except at a regular crossing thereof, provided such crossing is within three hundred feet of another regular crossing on the same highway. For the purposes of this act a regular crossing shall be regarded as the space which would be covered by the projection of the sidewalks of one highway upon an intersecting highway or such other place between intersecting highways as are plainly designated by the proper authorities, provided, however, that pedestrians shall not cross highways at regular crossings where traffic officers are stationed except upon proper signal of such officer.

PLAYING ON HIGHWAYS

4. No person shall play on a highway or use in play thereon roller skates, coasters or any similar vehicle or toy or other article on wheels or runners (except bicycles, tricycles and motorcycles) except in such areas as may be specially designated for that purpose by the properly constituted authorities.

PENALTIES

5. Any person who shall be guilty of violating any of the foregoing sections of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five (\$5) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50) dollars.

ARTICLE XI

Miscellaneous Offenses

THEFT OF VEHICLES

1. Any person or persons guilty of stealing a motor vehicle or any other vehicle from a highway or any other place within this State shall be subject to the same penalties prescribed for horse stealing and shall be punished accordingly.

NO BONUS OR DISCOUNTS

2. No chauffeur or other person having the care of motor vehicle for the owner shall receive, directly or indirectly, any bonus or discount from a person furnishing supplies to or doing work for such owner of a vehicle; and no person furnishing any supplies to or doing any work for the owner of a vehicle shall give or offer, directly or indirectly, any chauffeur or other person having the care of a motor vehicle for the owner any bonus or discount for such supplies or work. Any person violating any part of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars.

TAMPERING WITH VEHICLE

3. No person shall, without authority of the owner or person in charge thereof, climb upon or into or swing upon any vehicle, whether the same is in motion or at rest, sound any horn or other signalling device or attempt to manipulate any of the levers, the starter, brakes or machinery thereof, or set said vehicle in motion, or to damage, tamper or interfere with the same. Any person violating any portion of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five (\$5) dollars nor more than twenty-five (\$25) dollars.

THROWING THINGS ON HIGHWAY

4. No person shall throw on or into the highways any nails, wire, scrap metal, glass, crockery or other substances injurious to the feet of persons or animals or to tires of vehicles. Any person violating any portion of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five (\$5) dollars nor more than twenty-five (\$25) dollars.

ARTICLE XII

Court Procedure, Penalties, Fees, Etc.

AUTHORIZED TRIAL OFFICERS

1. In all complaints of the violation of any of the provisions of this act the Justice of the Peace, Com-

mitting Magistrate or Police Judge of any political subdivision of this State shall have the jurisdiction to hear and determine such complaints and impose the fines or sentences, as herein set forth, provided that in every city within this State having a population of one hundred thousand persons or more there shall be established, for this purpose, a Traffic Court, presided over by a proper Police Judge. Except in the case of arrests made by special deputies as hereinbefore provided, such Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge shall not try any case except upon warrant in the form required by law, which shall be preserved with the other papers pertaining to his office, and he shall not receive evidence of an alleged violation of the vehicle speed laws over a measured course unless such evidence is obtained and offered by representatives of the Vehicle Commissioner under his direction.

MAINTENANCE OF SUITABLE OFFICE

2. Every Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge of a political subdivision of this State shall maintain a suitable office for the transaction of his duties and shall try therein all cases involving the violating of the provisions of this act, provided that outside of his office hours he may try such cases within the house in which he regularly resides.

IMMEDIATE HEARING REQUIRED

3. Any person taken into custody for violating any provision of this act shall be taken before the nearest Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge and be given an immediate hearing.

BAIL IN CASE OF POSTPONEMENT

4. If the hearing cannot be held immediately, such person shall be released from custody on giving bond or surety acceptable to said Magistrate or Police Judge for appearance at a subsequent hearing. Said person, as owner, or upon proper authorization of the owner, may tender a vehicle as bail, and if such vehicle be of sufficient value it shall be accepted as security for his appearance in lieu of any other bail. A person claiming ownership of or offering a motor vehicle as bail shall be required to state under oath that he is the owner thereof, or has the authorization of the owner thereof, to tender it as bail, and that there are no mortgages or liens of any kind against the vehicle so offered, or if such vehicle is mortgaged, the true amount of such mortgage or other lien. Any false statement made in regard thereto shall be deemed as perjury and shall be punished accordingly. Such bond or surety shall in all cases be fixed at an amount equal to the maximum amount prescribed as

the fine for the offense charged, and be conditioned for the appearance of the person released at the time and place set for the hearing. If bond or surety is given, the provision of the law in reference to bail cases of misdemeanor shall apply.

APPEAL FROM PENALTY

5. Any person who shall have been tried before and penalized by any Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge, as herein provided, and who feels that he has been tried or penalized improperly or unfairly may, within ten days from the date of such judgment, appeal to the court for redress. In the event of such appeal it shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge, as the case may be, to endorse upon papers of such appellant, "Appeal Prayer," and transmit the same to the proper court. Such court on such appeal shall hear the case *de novo*, and in the event of a reversal on such appeal any fines or costs paid as penalties for the offense appealed from shall be returned to the party paying the same.

CONVICTION RECORDED ON OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE

6. The Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge or court before whom a final conviction shall be had shall endorse upon or attach to the operator's certificate of the person so convicted the date and particulars of said conviction, and shall deliver upon request, without charge, to the convicted person, a receipt showing in detail the amount of fine and cost imposed upon and paid by such person. Any person destroying, erasing or cancelling said endorsement of imprisonment or statement so attached, or failing to display the same, together with said license certificate, when required to do so, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than five (\$5) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50) dollars.

IMPRISONMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF FINES

7. In default of the payment of any fine imposed for violation of any provision of this act there shall be imposed an imprisonment in the county jail or city jail, as the case may be, for a period of not exceeding one day for each dollar of fine so imposed, the imprisonment on account of such default in no event to exceed one year for any single offense.

SECOND OFFENSES

8. Any offender who shall have been found guilty of the violation of any provision of this act and made to pay a fine or suffer imprisonment therefor, and who shall be convicted at any time thereafter of a second or additional offense under the same provisions may for such second or additional offense be fined or sentenced with imprisonment for double the period prescribed for the first offense, provided, however, that this section shall not apply to those cases for which the penalties for second or additional offenses have been specially provided for in this act.

DOCKET OF CASES

9. No fine nor costs shall be collected nor penalties imposed by any Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge in any case until a complete entry pertaining to such case shall have been made in the docket of records. All such dockets, together with warrants, shall be preserved and transmitted to the clerks of the courts as required, and all such dockets and warrants shall be subject to inspection upon demand by any person named therein and by all State officials or their duly authorized representatives. Any Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge violating any provision of this section or failing or refusing to make the returns of convictions to the Vehicle Commissioner elsewhere provided for in this act shall be subject to removal as provided in the Constitution of the State.

DISPOSITION OF FINES, FORFEITED BAIL, ETC.

10. All fines and all moneys resulting from penalties, forfeitures of bonds and the sale of authorized securities collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid over in five days after the receipt thereof to the Vehicle Commissioner with a statement accompanying same, setting forth the action or proceedings in which such moneys were collected, the name and residence of the defendant, the nature of the offense, fine, penalty, forfeiture of sentence, if any imposed. Said Vehicle Commissioner is hereby empowered to take all steps necessary to enforce the collection and prompt return of all such fines, penalties and forfeitures, and when a motor vehicle or vehicles of any description shall have been deposited under the provisions of this act, and said security is forfeited, same may be disposed of by the Vehicle Commissioner at public auction, unless within ten days after notice by mail to the owner of such vehicle or the person leaving the same as security, the same shall have been redeemed.

AUTHORIZATION FEES FOR JUSTICES OF PEACE, COMMITTING MAGISTRATES AND POLICE JUDGES

11. The fees of the Justices of Peace, Committing Magistrates or Police Judges, in cases involving alleged violation of the vehicle laws of the State, shall be as follows:

- a. For each warrant issued a fee of fifty (50) cents.
- b. For administering the oath to the witnesses in any case, a fee of twenty (20) cents.
- c. To cover the swearing of all witnesses, or for entering judgment in contested cases, twenty-five (25) cents. Said entry in all cases to specify the amount of fines and costs, respectively.
- d. For each continuance, twenty-five (25) cents.
- e. For each release of an accused on bail, or for a copy of his warrant and docket entries, ten (10) cents.

No Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge shall charge or collect any fee other than or in excess of those enumerated in this section in any case arising under this act.

CONSTABLE'S FEES

12. The fees of a constable in cases involving violations of the vehicle laws of this State shall be as follows:

For serving State warrant and making return thereon, seventy-five (75) cents, but such fee shall not be charged in any case in which an arrest has been made directly by such constable without warrant, in which event he shall receive a fee of twenty-five (25) cents, which fee in either event shall cover any other official service he may render in connection with the trial of the accused. No constable shall under any circumstances receive or attempt to collect any fine, charge or deposit or collateral for appearance in any case involving the violation of the Vehicle Laws of this State, and any constable violating this provision or collecting or attempting to collect any charge or fee in excess of those above enumerated, or accepting any sum of money from a person arrested by him in consideration of immunity from prosecution, shall be subject to removal from office and to punishment, as provided for by law.

SHERIFF'S FEES

13. No sheriff in this State shall be entitled to any fees for his services in connection with any prosecution under the Vehicle Laws of this State in excess of the fees herein prescribed, all or any local laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

DEPUTY'S FEES

14. No special deputy appointed or employed by the Vehicle Commissioner shall be entitled to receive, directly or indirectly, any fee or charge of any kind for services rendered by him in connection with any prosecution for violation of any of the provisions of this act.

NO FEE FOR TESTIFYING

15. No constable, sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate or Police Judge, shall be entitled to receive any fee for testifying in any case involving the violation of the Vehicle Laws of this State.

ARTICLE XIII

Disposition of License Fees, Penalties, Etc.

VEHICLE COMMISSIONER TO REMIT MONEY TO STATE TREASURER

1. All moneys received by the Vehicle Commissioner pursuant to the provisions of this act, except such as shall be necessary for the purpose of making refunds, as herein provided, shall be accounted for and remitted by said Vehicle Commissioner to the State Treasurer.

TIME LIMIT FOR REMITTANCES

2. Such remittances shall be made on the tenth day of each and every month and shall be accompanied with a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the office of the Vehicle Commissioner for the preceding month.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

3. The Vehicle Commissioner shall file with the Governor and Treasurer on or before the first day of February, an account of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the year ending December 31st previous.

USE OF VEHICLE FUNDS

4. The State Treasurer shall pay the moneys remitted him as aforesaid by the Vehicle Commissioner in quarterly installments to the "..... Fund," to be used for the maintenance, repair and construction of highways, and for other purposes prescribed by law.

ARTICLE XIV

Scope and Application of the Act

PROVISIONS TO BE EXCLUSIVE

1. The provisions of this act shall apply in general throughout this State, and no political subdivision thereof shall make or enforce any local ordinance or regulation that shall impose fees, fines or penalties other than those herein prescribed, or decrease the speed limits or the gross weights and dimensions of vehicles as prescribed by this act.

RIGHTS OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY UNIMPAIRED

2. Nothing in this act shall add to or detract from the right of any person injured in his person or his property by the negligence of the operator of a vehicle to sue for and recover damages.

INCONSISTENT ACTS REPEALED

3. All acts and parts of acts, laws and parts of laws, ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or contrary herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ACT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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