



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 1st.

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garages to keep records of machines held in their place of business for rental, storage, delivery or repair is repealed.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

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 8. 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.

Secretary of State may furnish duplicates when original plates or certificates of registration are lost, stolen or destroyed.

License numbers may be re-assigned if renewal and request is filed 30 days before January 1.

Lists of licenses issued, furnished sheriffs, county clerks and chiefs of police in cities of 5,000 or over.

Some lists can be furnished in individuals, corporations, etc., upon payment of fee of \$25.00.

Section 9. Provision for the registration of motor vehicles carrying freight or more than seven persons, tractors, traction engines and trailers.

Section 9A. Requires additional license fees payable annually of operators of freight and passenger vehicles used for hire when regularly operated over fixed routes on improved highways.

Section 10. Fees provided for in Section 9 must be paid before the vehicles are used.

Section 12. Report to the Secretary of State, on proper blank, the sale of a motor vehicle of the Second Division.

Section 13. Authorizes the Secretary of State to bring suit for the collection of registration fees, etc.

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

License plates must be kept clean.

Section 15. Provides a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for mutilating, covering or altering a license plate.

Section 16. 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.

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 reverse direction. This light must be so situated that it shines on the rear license plate so that the numbers are legible at least 50 feet.

It is necessary for the operator of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle which is equipped with electric headlights to dim, drop or extinguish such headlights when within 250 feet of another vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.

Section 17. Any person operating a motor vehicle as a mechanic

de approaching from the opposite direction.

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, designate any lighted street or highway where cars may be parked without lamps lighted.

Section 17. 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.

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

Dealer must give purchaser a Bill of Sale, giving description of car, etc.

Lists of dealers' licenses issued, furnished sheriffs, county clerks and chiefs of police, in cities of 5,000 or over.

Section 18. 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 him shall be displayed for a State license.

All licenses 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 and paying fee as provided.

Any time during the remainder of the year, he may transfer this license to cover another motor vehicle by him by executing Application for Transfer of Number on proper blank and paying fee as provided.

The Vendor must give the purchaser a Bill of Sale giving description of car, etc.

The purchaser of the vehicle must procure a license.

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

Section 20. A non-resident may sojourn in this State for a period of six months or less without procuring a license for his motor vehicle, provided, he has complied with the law in force in the State of his residence and that he displays license plates substantially as is required in Illinois.

Section 21. Every motor vehicle or motor bicycle must be equipped with good brakes and some suitable signaling device.

Engine must not be left running when motor vehicle or motor bicycle is standing on any public highway without an attendant.

Section 21A. Vehicles of second division must be equipped with a mirror so situated that driver can view the road behind him.

Section 22. No driver shall operate a motor vehicle of the first division at a greater rate of speed than is considered reasonable, having regard for the traffic so as not to endanger the life or limb of any person.

Section 24A. Trucks geared to run at a greater speed than permitted by law must be equipped with a governor.

Upon conviction for violation, license shall be revoked for one year.

Section 25. Racing on the public highways of this State is prohibited.

Section 27. Any person operating a motor vehicle as a mechanic

or employee, or who directly or indirectly receives pay or any compensation whatsoever for any work or services 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.

Application for license must be accompanied by photographs of the applicant and statements of persons knowing him, showing that the applicant is a proper person to receive license.

Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.

Non-resident chauffeur who is sojourning in this State may operate cars without procuring license, for the same period that the State of his residence permits chauffeurs of this State to operate.

License of drunken chauffeur may be revoked.

Chauffeur shall not permit any other person to use his badge, as license is not transferable from one person to another.

Section 29. No person or corporation shall employ as a chauffeur any person who is not licensed as such.

Section 30. No person shall operate a motor vehicle or a motor bicycle without the consent of the owner.

If a chauffeur accepts any commissions, bonuses or discounts for the purchase of supplies, repair work or anything which shall cost his employer money, he is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Fine not exceeding \$200.00 or imprisonment in the County Jail for not exceeding 6 months is provided for the violation of this Section.

Section 31. No person under 15 years of age shall operate a motor vehicle unless accompanied by the owner of the vehicle or a licensed chauffeur.

Section 32. Any person who is convicted of moving or attempting to move a motor vehicle or intentionally marking or damaging 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 33. Motor vehicles approaching from the right have the right of way.

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

Operator of motor vehicle must signal his intention of turning or stopping to those closely in the rear, by outstretched arm or otherwise.

Section 34. 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 give a wrong description on an application for license in order to conceal the identity of the vehicle shall be deemed guilty of a felony. Upon conviction of above offense, punishment shall be from one to five years' imprisonment in the State Penitentiary.

Section 35. Person owning or offering for sale a motor vehicle with the original engine number destroyed or altered, or without an engine number, except electric vehicles, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Fine of not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not less than 30 nor more than 180 days, or both. Second conviction of same offense shall be punishable by

imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years.

Secretary of State may give permission to make or stamp a special engine number on the engines of motor vehicles which have none, provided application on proper blank, etc., is executed and accompanied by fee of \$1.00. This number shall then become the lawful engine number.

No motor vehicle can be registered without an engine number.

Section 36. All fees collected are deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Road Fund and shall be used to pay bonded indebtedness which may be incurred for construction of roads or for the improvement of the Highways.

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

Section 40. It is necessary for the operator of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle which is in an accident to stop and give his 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.

In meeting 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 a vehicle coming in the opposite direction.

Signal and pass to the left of another vehicle going in the same direction.

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

The operator of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle shall not drive such vehicle within ten feet of the running board of a street railway car which is stopped, except by signal from a traffic officer.

Section 41. No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon the public highway who is intoxicated. 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 41A. In case of accident operator must stop and give name, residence, etc., to the injured party or to a police officer or nearest police station or judicial officer. Penalty not to exceed \$200.00 or jail sentence not exceeding one year or both.

Section 42A. Requires taxi owners in cities of 100,000 or more to file on each vehicle a \$3,500 bond or insurance policy for protection of public.

COMPLETE COPY OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAW MAY BE HAD UPON REQUEST TO LOUIS L. EMMERSON, Secretary of State, Springfield, Ill.

Year	Automobile Licenses Issued Since 1911	Automobile Fees Received Since 1911
1911	38,269	\$105,344.28
1912	68,812	\$75,716.22
1913	94,646	\$97,134.77
1914	131,140	703,483.70
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	568,759	5,893,586.02
1921	663,348	6,776,781.17
1922	781,974	7,861,211.21
1923	973,803	9,653,795.04
1924	1,132,641	11,546,206.25
1925 to April 1st	939,922	\$9,801,937.01