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CHAPTER 450.

AN ACT to repeal section 1636—48, and to create a new section to be numbered section 1636—48 of the statutes, relating to manufacturers and dealers automobile licenses.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1636—48 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. A new section is added to the statutes to be numbered and to read: Section 1636—48. 1. Every dealer or sub-dealer in, or manufacturer or distributor of motor cars, motor trucks or other motor vehicles, may, instead of registering each motor car, motor truck or other motor vehicle owned by him or temporarily in his custody, make application upon the official blank for a general distinguishing number or mark, and the secretary of state shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration containing the name, place of residence and business address of the applicant and the distinguishing number or mark assigned to such applicant, and made in such form and containing such further information as said secretary of state may determine, and every motor car, motor truck or other motor vehicle owned by such applicant or temporarily in his custody, if designated by a number corresponding to the registration number issued to such manufacturer, dealer, distributor or sub-dealer, shall be regarded as registered under, and having assigned to it such general distinguishing number or mark until sold or let for hire, while such motor vehicle is being operated by such manufacturer or dealer or his agent or representative on any of the public highways of the state of Wisconsin, provided, if such applicant has an established place of business in two or more towns or cities in the state, distinct register numbers must be assigned such applicant for each such town or city upon the payment of the fee for each registration granted.

2. Manufacturers, distributors, dealers and sub-dealers shall not be required to carry their certificates upon the motor vehicles registered under the provisions of this section. Every dealer shall, at the time of making his application, in case he shall represent any particular manufacturer, or distributor, file with the secretary of state a certificate of his appointment as dealer or subdealer by every manufacturer or distributor represented by him, provided, with respect to such appointment as dealer, that if the same should cease during the said registration year and an appointment made to such dealer by any other manufacturer or distributor such dealer shall notify the secretary of state of such change of appointment.

3. No manufacturer, distributor, dealer or sub-dealer shall use any motor car, motor truck or other motor vehicle registered under the preceding provisions of this section for any other purpose than the trial, test and adjustment of such motor vehicle, or for its demonstration or exhibition to a prospective buyer, or for some purpose necessarily incidental to the legitimate business, or personal use of such manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or sub-dealer, including service cars, but in no case shall a motor vehicle registered under the provisions of this section be rented for hire, or used for hire for the purpose of conveying passengers or freight.

4. Any manufacturer, distributor, dealer or sub-dealer who has filed his certificate of appointment as provided may make application for a special distinguishing number or mark for use only when transporting new motor vehicles over the public highways from any vessel, depot, warehouse, or other place of delivery of said vehicles to him by the manufacturer thereof to any place of business of such applicant or to a warehouse or other place of storage but not for demonstration, testing or any other use. The secretary of state shall, if satisfied as to such facts as he may require in such application, issue to the applicant a special certificate of registration, containing the name, residence and all of the registered business addresses of the applicant where he conducts the sale of motor vehicles, and also the special distinguishing number or mark assigned to such applicant for such special use, and such other information as said secretary of state may determine, and every new motor vehicle transported by the applicant from its point of delivery direct to any of his business places shall be regarded as registered under and having assigned to it such special distinguishing number or mark.

5. No person other than a bona fide manufacturer, distributor, dealer or sub-dealer shall obtain or use a registration certificate or the corresponding number plates issued for a manufacturer, distributor, dealer or sub-dealer except for the purposes mentioned herein; and no person registered under the provisions of this section shall loan or allow to be used such registration certificate or such number plates under any circumstances not specifically permitted hereby.

6. No manufacturer or dealer or any employes of such manufacturer or dealer, shall cause or permit the display, or other use, of any number plate, or certificate of registration which may have been furnished to such manufacturer or dealer under the general distinguishing number or symbol hereinbefore pro-

vided for, excepting upon motor vehicles owned by such manufacturer or dealer within the meaning and intent of this act; provided, further that no person shall display, or otherwise use or have in his possession any number plate, or certificate of registration furnished by the secretary of state under a general manufacturer's or dealer's distinguishing number or symbol, except such manufacturer or dealer or his employe, and then only under the provisions of this act.

7. The secretary of state shall cause to be printed and distributed suitable forms for application for registration of motor vehicles by dealers; and shall also cause to be printed and distributed in necessary quantities and to adopt a form of motor vehicle dealers' certificate of appointment, the same to be filed by each applying dealer with the secretary of state for registration or issuing of special distinguishing numbers to such applicants.

8. There shall be paid to the secretary of state annually by each manufacturer of, distributor, dealer or sub-dealer in automobiles, motor trucks, trailers or motorcycles, a fee of twenty-five dollars.

9. There shall be paid to the secretary of state annually by each manufacturer, distributor, dealer or sub-dealer granted a special certificate number or mark, distinguishing cars in transit from factories, railroad depots, storage warehouses, boat landings to place of business or destination of manufacturer, distributor, dealer or sub-dealer a fee of five dollars.

10. The secretary of state shall furnish without other charge than the fee, specified hereinbefore, with transportation charges prepaid to every manufacturer or distributor of or dealer or sub-dealer in motor cars or motor trucks, applying therefor, whose vehicles are registered in accordance with the provisions of this act, two pairs of number plates as provided for, the plates to have displayed upon them the registration number which is assigned to such manufacturer, distributor, dealer or sub-dealer with a different symbol on each pair of number plates as a special distinguishing factor. The secretary of state shall also furnish two number plates of suitable design to each motorcycle dealer, the plates to have displayed upon them the registration number which is assigned to the motorcycle dealer with a different symbol on each single motorcycle plate as a special distinguishing factor. He shall likewise furnish to said manufacturer, distributor, dealer or sub-dealer additional sets of number plates upon payment of five dollars for each additional set of two plates.

11. It is hereby made the duty of every manufacturer of or dealer in motor vehicles in this state to make a monthly report to the secretary of state on blanks to be prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state, showing information, as follows: The date of the sale of each motor vehicle sold, date of delivery of same, the name and address of the party to whom sold, maker's name of motor vehicle, motor number, style of vehicle, motive power, horse power, new or second-hand motor vehicle.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 1920.
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CHAPTER 451.

AN ACT to amend subsection 1 of section 1935 of the statutes, relating to notice of assessment in town mutual companies.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection 1 of section 1935 is amended to read: (Section 1935) 1. Whenever the amount of any loss so ascertained shall exceed the amount of the cash funds of the corporation the president shall convene the board of directors, who shall make an assessment upon all property insured by it, at the time of the loss, in proportion to the amount thereof and the rate under which it may have been classified, sufficient at least to pay such loss; provided, that such board may assess up to three and a half mills even if such loss should not require such an amount. The board of directors may also levy an assessment at any time for the purpose of carrying on the business of the company, regardless of whether or not a loss has occurred. When any assessment shall have been completed the secretary shall immediately insert a notice in one or more newspapers printed in the county or counties where such a corporation is doing business, stating therein the time when such assessment was levied and the time when the same becomes due. Such notice together with the proof of the publication thereof shall be conclusive evidence of notice of such assessment to every member of the corporation. The secretary shall also notify every such member * * * by letter or postal card sent to his usual post-office address, of the amount of such loss, or assessment, and the sum due from him as his share thereof, and the time when and to whom payment thereof is to be made, which time shall not be less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of such notice. *If the insurance under any*