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CHAPTER 600.

AN ACT to amend sections 1636—47, 1636—49, 1636—52 and 1636—54, of the statutes, relating to automobiles, motor cycles or other similar motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1636—47, 1636—49, 1636—52 and 1636—54, of the statutes, are amended to read: Section 1636—47. 1. No automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle shall be operated, ridden or driven along or upon any * * * public * * * highway of the state, unless the same shall have been registered in accordance with the provisions of this act.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 136.)

2. Application for such registration * * * shall be made * * * to the secretary of state upon blanks prepared under his authority, for that purpose. Blank applications shall be kept in the offices of the county clerks throughout the state.

3. The application shall contain a statement of the name, place of residence and address of the applicant, with a brief description of the automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle, including the name of such vehicle, the number, if any, affixed by the maker, the character of motor power and the amount of such motor power stated in figures of horsepower, and with each application shall be deposited a registration fee as hereinafter provided.

4. The secretary of state or his duly authorized agent shall then register in a book or card index system to be kept for that purpose the automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle described in said application, giving to such automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle a distinguishing number, and shall thereupon issue to said applicant a certificate of registration in card form, which shall contain the name, place of residence and address of the applicant, the registered number assigned, the date of registration and a brief description of the automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle so registered. Said certificate of registration shall always be in the possession of the operator or firmly attached in some accessible place in the automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle described therein.

5. There shall be paid annually to the secretary of state for the registration of each automobile a fee of * * * five dollars, and for the registration of each motor cycle a fee of * * * two dollars. All registrations shall expire on December 31st of each year.

6. All certificates of registration of motor vehicles heretofore issued shall continue in force * * * until December 31, 1911, * * * and every owner of a motor vehicle so registered shall *thereafter* reregister such motor vehicle *annually* in accordance with the provisions of this act. * * *

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 136.)

7. The secretary of state shall issue and deliver to each owner of an automobile *so registered* * * * two official number plates, of uniform size and design, containing in three inch arabic numerals, followed by the letter "W," and the year of issuance, the distinguishing number so assigned to said motor vehicle, *one* of which said number plates shall be placed in a conspicuous place on the * * *. *front* of such automobile or other similar motor vehicle, and *the other* of such number plates shall be firmly and rigidly fastened and placed in a conspicuous place on the rear of such automobile or other similar motor vehicle, and be so * * * displayed and kept reasonably clean at all times * * * so that the same can be readily and distinctly seen.

8. The secretary of state shall also issue and deliver to each owner of a motor cycle, an official number plate of uniform size and design, which shall have displayed thereon the initial letter of the state and the number assigned to such motor cycle, such letter and figures to be at least * * * two inches high, securely fastened thereto.

9. Upon the sale of such automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle, said certificate of registration and number plate *or plates* shall be returned to the secretary of state, and the new owner shall make application for a certificate of registration and number plate *or plates* and pay the fee * * *, in the manner hereinbefore provided.

10. Record of all applications and certificates issued shall be kept by the secretary of state at his office, and shall be open to the inspection of all persons during reasonable business hours.

11. Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of any certificate of registration or number plate, the secretary of state shall issue a duplicate thereof to the owner of such automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle, upon the payment of a sum not exceeding one dollar to cover the cost of such duplicates.

12. *The secretary of state shall on July 1st of each year hereafter transmit to each city and village clerk in this state a complete up-to-date list, in booklet form, of all registrations of automobiles, motor cycles and other motor vehicles registered during such year. Such lists so furnished to such clerks shall*

contain the name and address of the person registering such vehicle, the name or make thereof, and the registered number so assigned to it. Such clerks shall keep such lists of registration on file in their respective offices as official records, and the same shall be open to the inspection of all persons during reasonable business hours.

13. After deducting the expenses of administering this act in the office of the secretary of state from moneys derived from license fees under its provisions, three-fourths of the remainder shall be paid as soon as may be after the close of the fiscal year to the county treasurers of the several counties in which the persons paying the license fees reside, in the proportion in which such fees shall have been received from the residents of the said several counties and shall be used for repairing highways in said counties, outside of cities and incorporated villages, in such manner as the county boards shall determine. The remaining one-fourth of said moneys shall be paid into the state treasury to augment the state highway fund.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 136.)

Section 1636—49. No person * * * under the age of sixteen years, unless accompanied by parent, guardian or other adult person, and no intoxicated person shall * * * operate, ride or drive any automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle along or upon any public highway of this state.

* * * No person shall operate or drive any automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle recklessly or at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the width, traffic and use of the highways and the general and usual rules of the road, or so as to endanger the property, life or limb of any person, and no person shall operate or drive any automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle, along any highway, within the corporate limits of any city or village, at a speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour, nor on any of the public highways outside of the corporate limits of a city or village at a speed exceeding twenty-five miles per hour; and provided, further, that in turning corners, in going around curves, at sharp declines, at the intersection of any street or crossroad, and where, for any cause, the view in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding, shall be obstructed, the speed shall be reduced to such a rate as will tend to avoid danger of accident; the operator, when such vehicle is in motion, shall observe the rules of the road.

Section 1636—52. From one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise there shall be displayed on the front of every automobile or other similar motor vehicle, while being operated or

driven along or upon any public highway of this state, at least one lamp giving a reasonably bright light in the direction in which said automobile or other similar motor vehicle is going, *and there shall be displayed on the rear of such automobile or other similar motor vehicle one tail light which shall display a red light visible from the rear.* * * * Every such automobile or other similar motor vehicle shall be provided with brakes and a bell, horn or other signal device.

Section 1636—54. Any person or persons who shall violate the provisions of sections 1636—47, * * * 1636—51 and 1636—52 of * * * *the statutes*, except as provided in section 1636—53, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars and not more than twenty-five dollars; any person or persons who shall violate the provisions of *section 1636—49 or section 1636—50 hereof* shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars. And any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of *section 1636—49 or section 1636—50 of * * * the statutes, in any one year*, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. *Any person operating an automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle, who shall injure any person therewith and fail to stop and give assistance, his name and address, and the name and address of the owner of the automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle so operated, to the person so injured, or to any bystander who shall request such information on behalf of the injured person, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a period of not exceeding three months.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 136.)

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