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NOTE ON CONTENTS

This book presents the parts of chapter four of the penal ordinances of the city of Rochester comprising the regulations as to traffic in the public streets.

This material is published separately for the convenience of the traffic squad and other members of the police department, as well as the general public.

Because the operation of automobiles is governed by act of the legislature it has been deemed wise also to include the whole of the existing state law on this subject, which is found in the Highway Law, Article XI, relating to "Motor Vehicles."

In printing these traffic regulations, black letter headings, side notes and a complete index have been adopted in order that the rules may be found quickly.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL,

OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER

AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER IV

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD ORDER

ARTICLE I

ACTS FORBIDDEN

Within the city of Rochester no person shall

Sec. 4. Hose and sprinkling carts— While using a sprinkling cart or hose

Careless sprinkling for sprinkling streets or any other purposes carelessly or maliciously throw water upon any person, animal or vehicle

Gongs regulated

Sec. 5. **Gongs**—Carry or use upon any vehicle a gong similar to that used on ambulances or the vehicles of the fire or police departments.

Sec. 13. Vehicles and animals stand-

Tying

ing in streets-Permit, any horse or mule to stand in a public street unattended without being securely tethered or tied to a post, ring or secure weight or other secure fastening; or permit any animal or vehicle to stop or stand upon a crosswalk, sidewalk or footpath of any bridge, or so as to obstruct any crossing, except in case of accident or other emergency, or when directed to stop by the police; or permit a street surface car to stop or stand upon a crosswalk at the intersection of two or more streets, or at the Court House, Reynolds Arcade, or midway between Front and Water Streets, except in case of accident or other emergency, or when directed to stop by the police: or without authority fasten any animal to a

Vehicles on crosswalks

Street cars on crosswalks

Hitching to trees or posts

Feeding horses in streets tree or public lamp post; or feed any animal in a public street without permission of the owner or occupant of the adjoining premises; or place or permit

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any vehicle to remain crosswise of any street for a period longer than may be actually necessary for the purpose of vehicles loading or unloading, and in such case the horse or horses, if any, attached to such vehicle, shall be turned so as to stand parallel with the sidewalk and headed in the general direction of travel for the side of the street on which the vehicle is standing; or permit any vehicle, including a street surface car. to stop or stand within the intersection of streets, except in case of accident or other emergency, or when directed to stop by the police, or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its path: or permit any vehicle to stop or stand within twenty-five feet of a street corner unless actually necessary for the purpose of loading or unloading; or permit any vehicle to stop or stand in a public street or highway except close to the curb, unless in case of accident or other emergency, or when directed by the police to stop, or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its path; or permit any vehicle to stop with its left side to the curb; or between the hours of 7 A. M. and 7 P. M. permit any vehicle to stop or stand in any place in the congested district more than thirty minutes, unless actually necessary for loading or unloading goods, wares or merchandise: or between the hours of

Vehicles at crossings

Vehicles at corners

Right side to curb

30 minute

Main St. clear in rush hours 5 P M, and 6.30 P. M, permit any vehicle to stop or stand on Main Street between the westerly line of Fitzhugh Street and the easterly line of East Avenue, on State Street between the northerly line of Main Street and the southerly line of Corinthian Street, on South Avenue between the southerly line of Main Street and the southerly line of Elv Street, on St. Paul Street between the northerly line of Main Street and the northerly line of Division Street, on Clinton Avenue North between the northerly line of Main Street and the northerly line of Division Street, unless and no longer than actually necessary for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers or occupants, or loading or unloading goods, wares or merchandise; or at any time permit any vehicle to stop or stand on the easterly side of Stone Street, unless and no longer than actually necessarv for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers or occupants. or loading or unloading goods, wares or merchandise. The provisions of this section shall apply to vehicles of all classes and descriptions, including motor vehicles, motoreveles, motor bicycles, and only so far as specifically mentioned to street surface cars.

All vehicles included

Stone St. clear

(As amended Feb. 14, 1911).

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Sec. 14. Driving on sidewalks and sidepaths—Drive any vehicle, or lead, role or drive any animal along upon any sidewalk intended for the use of pedestrians, or upon a sidepath constructed and intended for the use of bicycles, or upon any street car track, when such track runs inside the street curb, except that baby carriages and invalid chairs may be propelled on sidewalks and bicycles may be ridden on said sidepaths and street car tracks. The provisions of this section shall apply to all vehicles, including motor vehicles.

Vehicles off walks

Baby carriages, invalid chairs, bicycles

(As amended July II, 1905).

Sec. 17. Speed limits-

Subdivision (a). Drive or ride any animal or vehicle upon a public street at a speed exceeding eight miles per hour, or upon any bridge, excepting the stone arch bridges over the Genesee River, at a speed faster than a walk; drive or ride any motorcycle or motor bicycle upon a public street at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour, or upon any bridge, excepting the stone arch bridges over the Genesee River, at a

Ordinary vehicles 8 miles except on bridges

Motorcycles 10 and 4 miles

Motor vehicles

Exceptions

drive or ride any motor vehicle on any bridge, excepting the stone arch bridges over the Genesee River, at a speed faster than four miles per hour. This subdivision shall not apply to motor vehicles except as specifically mentioned herein, to street surface cars, to the apparatus of the fire and police departments, to vehicles carrying United States mail, to ambulances, or to vehicles of physicians, providing it is shown that the physician at the time is responding to an emergency call.

speed faster than four miles per hour:

Street cars 7 and 15 miles

Subdivision (b). Drive or operate street surface cars at a speed exceeding seven miles per hour on Main Street between Elm Street and the Eric Canal, on Exchange Street between Main Street and the Eric Canal, or State Street between Main Street and Central Avenues; or at a speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour on any other public street or highway in the city.

Subdivision (c). Operate or run a motor vehicle on any public street within the congested district as defined in this ordinance, at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour, or upon any public street outside of said congested district and within one mile of the intersection of Main. Exchange and State Streets, at

Motor vehicles 10, 15 and 18 miles a speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour; or upon any other public street at a speed exceeding eighteen miles per hour. This subdivision does not apply to motorcycles or motor bicycles.

Subdivision (d). Drive, operate or run a vehicle with a reckless or negligent disregard of the conditions then obtaining and the rights of others, or so as to endanger the life or limb of any person or the safety of any property. The provisions of this subdivision shall apply to vehicles of all classes and descriptions, including surface cars and motor vehicles.

(As amended June 28, 1010).

Sec. 18. Wide tires-Drive upon any improved street any vehicle having upon it a weight which together with the weight of the vehicle shall exceed two thousand pounds unless the tires upon such vehicle shall be at least three 3 and 4 inch inches in width, or any vehicle having upon it a weight which together with the weight of the vehicle shall exceed five thousand pounds, unless such tires shall be at least four inches in width. This section shall not apply to vehicles used by farmers coming into the city with produce or fuel.

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ARTICLE II

ACTS REGULATED

Within the city of Rochester acts affecting public safety and good order are regulated as follows:

Sec. 32. Rules of the road-

Keeping to

To right when meeting to left when overtaking

> Turning at intersections

Turning with

Slow vehicles at curb

Vehicles approaching street cars

Subdivision (a). Vehicles shall keep to the right and as near the right-hand curb as possible, and when meeting shall pass each other to the right; vehicles overtaking others shall in passing keep to the left and shall at the intersection of public streets keep to the right of the intersection of the centers of such streets when turning to the right, and pass to the right of such intersection when turning to the left; and shall when crossing from one side of the street to the other turn to the left so as to head in the same direction as the traffic on that side of the street: vehicles moving slowly shall keep as close as possible to the curb line on the right so as to allow faster moving vehicles free passage on the left. The driver of every vehicle shall keep the same at least four feet from the running board or lower step of any surface car which has stopped for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers, and shall slow down and bring the vehicle under

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control and pass the surface car with care for the safety of the passengers alighting from or getting on said car, Care for alighting and if by reason of the presence of other vehicles or by reason of the narrowness of the street it is not possible to preserve the distance of four feet from such running board or lower step. the driver of said vehicle shall stop the same until such car shall have started. A vehicle shall not be driven through the streets loaded with iron or other material that may strike together, with- Noisy loads out properly deadening such material so that it will cause no unnecessary The driver of any vehicle shall not delay or obstruct the passage of surface cars, and shall immediately upon signal from the motorman or conductor of a car, turn out or to one side so as to permit the passage of said car. Police, fire department, emergency repair wagons. United States mail vehicles, and ambulances shall have the right of way in any street and through any procession. No funeral shall pass through Main Street between Plymouth Avenue and East Avenue, except in Funerals crossing Main Street at intersecting streets, without written permission from the commissioner of public safety.

passengers

Obstructing

Right of way

on Main St.

(As amended February 8, 1910).

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The congested

Subdivision (b). The congested district shall comprise the following streets: Main Street from the westerly line of Plymouth Avenue to the easterly line of East Avenue: State Street from the northerly line of Church Street to Main Street: Exchange Street from the canal bridge to Main Street: St. Paul Street from the northerly line of Division Street to Main Street: South Avenue from the southerly line of Elv Street to Main Street : Clinton Avenue North from the northerly line of Division Street to Main Street; Franklin Street from the northerly line of North Street to Main Street: North Street from the northerly line of Franklin Street to Main Street: East Avenue from the easterly line of Stillson Street to Main Street. The following rules shall be observed in the congested district between the hours of seven A. M. and seven P. M.: A vehicle overtaking another vehicle shall not in order to pass the vehicle ahead, leave the line on the right unless there is a clear way of at least twenty-five feet in advance on the left. A vehicle, including a surface car, while in motion shall not come within ten feet of any vehicle in front of it at or near a crosswalk at the intersection of two or more streets, or at the Court House, Reynolds Arcade or midway between Front and Water Streets.

7 A. M. to 7 P. M.

25 feet clear ahead in passing

> 10 feet between vehicles

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Every driver of a vehicle shall in slowing up or stopping give a signal to those behind by raising a hand or whip vertically. In turning while in motion, or in starting to turn from a stand-still, a signal shall be given by the driver of the vehicle about to be turned by raising a whip or hand indicating the direction in which the turn is to be made. Before backing, ample warning shall be given by voice or uplifted hand, and while backing unceasing vigilance must be exercised by the driver not to injure those behind: and if it is necessary in order to turn that the vehicle be backed up and the same cannot be done without delaying or obstructing traffic, then the turn shall be made by going around the block or on some other street.

Signal when stopping

Signal when turning

Signal when backing

Obstructing traffic by backing

(As amended February 14, 1911).

Subdivision (c). A vehicle the width of which, with or without its load, exceeds nine feet, shall not be driven or conveyed through any of the streets in the congested district, unless a permit therefor is obtained from the commissioner of public safety. No vehicle shall while used exclusively for advertising purposes be driven or conveyed through any of the streets in the congested district.

Vehicles over 9 feet wide

Vehicles for advertising purposes

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Vehicles across

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Subdivision (d). In the congested district between the hours of nine A. M. and six P. M., no vehicle shall be allowed to stand crosswise for the purpose of loading or unloading any goods or merchandise, excepting pianos, safes, boilers and heavy machinery, without written permission from the commissioner of public safety.

(As amended February 8, 1910).

Subdivision (e). Motormen and Con-

ductors of street surface cars and of vehicles, including motor vehicles, motorcycles and motor bieveles, must at all times comply with the direction by hand or voice of any member of the police force as to stopping, starting, standing, approaching or departing from a place, or loading or unloading passengers or goods. Every driver of a slow moving or heavily loaded or unusually large vehicle for transporting goods, wares or merchandise, not having a load to deliver or pick up on Main Street between Plymouth Avenue and East Avenue, shall obey the direction of a police officer not to drive upon or through such portion of Main Street; and every driver of a loaded hav wagon not having hav to

deliver on Main Street between East Avenue and the Eric canal, or on West Avenue between the Eric canal and

Drivers and motormen must obey orders of police

Genesee Street, shall obey the direction of a police officer not to drive upon or through such portions of Main Street and West Avenue.

(As amended April 11, 1011).

Subdivision (f). Riders of bicycles when dismounted may lead their biev- Leading bicycles cles along the sidewalk in single file, except that they shall not lead their bicycles along the sidewalk on any of the streets in the congested district.

on walks regulated

(As amended February 8, 1010).

Subdivision (g). No person shall open a muffler cut-out on a motor vehicle, motorcycle or motor bicycle ex- Noisy cept on steep grades more than a mile distant from the intersection of Main and Exchange Streets.

motorcycles

No motor vehicle, motorcycle or motor bievele shall display or have lighted a light burning acetylene, or gas formed from or by acetylene, or a searchlight, unless in either case the same be screened or covered so as not to glare or dazzle.

Dazzling lights forbidden

As amended June 27th, 1911: No horn, siren or whistle, other than a bulb horn, in, upon or attached to a motor vehicle. motorcycle, motorbicycle, or bicycle, shall be blown, sounded or operated.

and

BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES

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(As amended April 11, 1911).

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(As amended February 8, 1010).

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Dazzling lights

motorcycle, motor bicycle and shall be equipped with a horn, other device for signaling, and hibit during the period from after sunset to one hour before

Horns and required

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sunrise, a white light visible within a

Every vehicle, excepting motor vehicles, motorcycles, motor bicycles and bicycles, which are required by law or otherwise by this ordinance to have certain specified lights, shall exhibit during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, on the left side of the vehicle, a white light visible within a reasonable distance in front of such vehicle, and a red light visible within a reasonable distance in the rear thereof, which lights if otherwise complying with this ordinance may be combined in one lamp or apparatus.

(As amended February 14, 1911).

Subdivision (h). No person riding a bicycle shall coast upon any public street, or proceed with the feet off the pedals and hands off the handle bars, or practice any trick or fancy riding in any street.

Subdivision (i). The provisions of this section shall apply to vehicles of all classes and description, including motor vehicles, motorcycles, motor bicycles, and only so far as specifically mentioned, to street surface cars,

(As amended February, 1910).

Lights on vehicles regulated

Coasting on bicycles forbidden

Vehicles

PIRES-FUNERAL PROCESSIONS

Sec. 33. As to fires-

Subdivision (a). Right of way-At any fire, or alarm of fire, the fire apparatus, and all city officials and employees, in the discharge of their duty, shall have right of way and full unobstructed use of the streets.

Right of way

Subdivision (d). Disorderly conduct -No person shall in any way impede the access to the fire, or its vicinity, of any apparatus, official or employee of the city in the discharge of his duty, or break through or come unauthorized within the fire lines when established by the police, or by disorderly conduct or otherwise impede the work of extinguishing fire, or protecting lives and property.

Impeding employees

Fire lines

(As amended June 27, 1905).

Sec. 34. As to morgues and funerals

Subdivision (c). Funeral processions -No person shall drive any vehicle or animal between the conveyances of a funeral procession, or interrupt or detain such procession or any part thereof in any manner, while it is mov- Driving across ing along any of the public streets. This processions shall not apply to the drivers or persons in charge of public or private ambulances, the vehicles and apparatus of exceptions

the fire department, or to conveyances of physicians while responding to emergency calls.

Sec. 40. Penalties—A violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one hundred fifty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, or by a penalty not less than five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars to be recovered by the city of Rochester in a civil action.

imprisonment

(As amended June 28, 1910).

AUTOMOBILES

Note—Below appears the New York state law as to automobiles which is found L. 1910, Ch. 374, constituting article XI of the Highway Law, which is chapter twentyfive of the Consolidated Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY,

DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE XI

Motor Vehicles

- Sec. 280. Application of article.
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- 287. Speed permitted.
- 288. Local ordinances prohibited.
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- 290. Punishment for violation: procedure.
- 291. Disposition of registration fees; fines and penalties.
- 292. Rates of toll on motor vehicles.
- 293. Acts repealed.

Sec. 280. Application of article-Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, this article shall be exclusively controlling:

Law governs registration and use of

- 1. Upon the registration, numbering and regulation of motor vehicles, and the licensing and the regulation of motor vehicles chauffeurs :
 - 2. On their use of the public highways, and
 - 3. On the accessories used upon motor vehicles and their incidents and the speed of motor vehicles upon the public highways:
 - 4. On the punishment for the viola-

tion of any of the provisions of this article

Sec. 281. Definitions-The term 'motor vehicle' as used in this article, "Motor vehicle" except where otherwise expressly provided, shall include all vehicles propelled by any power other than muscular power, except motor bicycles, motor evcles, traction engines, road rollers, fire wagons and engines, police patrol wagons, ambulances and such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks. The term "local authorities" shall include all officers of counties, cities, boroughs, towns or villages, as well as all boards, committees or other public officials of such counties, cities, boroughs, towns or villages. The term "chauffeur" shall "Chauffeur" mean any person operating or driving a motor vehicle as an employee or for hire. The term "state" as used in this "State" article, except where otherwise expressly provided, shall also include the territories and the federal districts of the United States. The term "owner" "owner" shall also include any person, firm, association or corporation renting a motor vehicle or having the exclusive use thereof, under a lease or otherwise, for a period greater than thirty days. The term "public highway" shall include any highway, county road, state road, public street, avenue, alley, park, park-

authorities"

" Public highway"

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way or public place in any county, city, borough, town or village, except any speedway which may have been or may be expressly set apart by law for the exclusive use of horses and light carriages.

Sec. 282. Registration of motor vehicles; age of operator; fees; renewals-1. Registration by owners. Every owner of a motor vehicle which shall be operated or driven upon the public highways of this state shall, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, cause to be filed, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the secretary of state a verified application for registration on a blank to be furnished by the secretary of state for that purpose, containing: brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, including the name of the manufacturer and factory number of such vehicle, the character and amount of the motive power stated in figures of horse power in accordance with the rating established by the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers; name, residence, including county and business address, of the owner of such motor vehicle; (c) provided that, if such motor vehicle is used or to be used solely for commercial purposes, the applicant shall so certify.

Filing

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2. Age of operator. No person shall

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operate or drive a motor vehicle who is under eighteen years of age, unless such operson is accompanied by a duly licensed chauffeur or the owner of the motor vehicle being operated.

Operator must be eighteen

3. Registration book. Upon the receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle, as provided in this article, the secretary of state shall file such application in his office and register such motor vehicle or vehicles, with the name, residence and business address of the owner, manufacturer or dealer as the case may be, together with the facts stated in such application, in a book or index to be kept for the purpose, under the distinctive number assigned to such motor vehicle by the secretary of state, which book or index shall be open to public inspection during reasonable business hours.

Registration of

4. Certificate of registration. Upon the filing of such application and the payment of the fee hereinafter provided, the secretary of state shall assign to such motor vehicle a distinctive number and, without expense to the applicant, issue and deliver to the owner a certificate of registration, in such form as the secretary of state shall prescribe, and two number plates. In the event of the loss, mutilation or destruction of

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any certificate of registration, number plate, license or badge, the owner of a registered motor vehicle or manufacturer, or dealer, or chauffeur, as the case may be, may obtain from the secretary of state a duplicate thereof upon filing in the office of the secretary of state an affidavit showing such fact and the payment of a fee of one dollar.

When stration expires

- 5. Times for registration and reregistration. Registration aplied for on or before August first, nineteen hundred and ten, shall take effect on that date and certificates issued on such application or under any application made prior to January thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eleven, shall expire on the latter date. The fees for such registration shall be one-half of the annual fees provided herein. Registration thereafter shall be renewed annually in the same manner and upon payment of the same annual fee as provided in this section for registration, to take effect on the first day of February, in each year beginning with such date in the year nineteen hundred and eleven; and the certificates of registration issued thereunder or issued between any such dates shall expire on the succeeding thirtyfirst day of January.
- 6. Registration fees. The following fees shall be paid to the secretary of

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state upon the registration or reregistration of a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this article: five Five dollars dollars upon the registration of a motor vehicle having a rating of twenty-five horse power or less; ten dollars upon Ten dollars the registration of a motor vehicle having a rating of more than twenty-five horse power and less than thirty-five horse power; fifteen dollars upon the Fifteen dollars registration of a motor vehicle having a rating of thirty-five horse power and less than fifty horse power; twenty-five dollars upon the registration of a motor vehicle having a rating of fifty horse power or more: provided that if a motor vehicle other than one used solely for commercial purposes shall have been licensed for four separate years hereunder and for which there shall have been paid the annual registration fees herein provided during said period, the annual registration fees thereafter shall be one-half the amount: and further provided that for motor vehicles which are used or to be used solely for commercial purposes, the fee for such registration shall be five dollars.

Twenty-five dollars

1/2 rate after four years

Five dollars for commercial vehicles

7. Fees in lieu of taxes. The registration fees imposed by this article upon motor vehicles, other than those of manufacturers and dealers and those used solely for commercial purposes,

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shall be in lieu of all taxes, general or local, to which motor vehicles may be subject.

Notice of sale

8. Sale and registration by vendee. Upon the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle registered in accordance with this section, the vendor shall immediately give notice thereof with the name and residence of the vendee to the secretary of state, and the vendee shall, within ten days after the date of such sale or transfer, notify the secretary of state thereof upon a blank furnished promptly by him for that purpose, stating the name and business address of the previous owner, if known, the number under which such motor vehicle is registered and the name, residence, including county and business address, of the vendee. Upon filing such statement duly verified such vendee shall pay to the secretary of state a fee on one dollar, and upon receipt of such statement and fee the secretary of state shall file such statement in his office and note upon the registration book or index such change in ownership.

One dollar fee on sale

> 9. Upon the sale of a motor vehicle by the manufacturer or dealer the vendee shall be allowed to operate the same upon the public highways for a period of fifteen days after taking possession

Fifteen days' use after sale

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thereof or until he shall have received his certificate of registration and number plates from the secretary of state. providing that during such period the motor vehicle shall have attached thereto, in accordance with the provisions hereof, a placard bearing the registration number of the dealer under which it might previously have been operated. and provided, further, that application for registration shall be made by mail or otherwise before such vehicle shall be so used.

Purchaser using dealer's number

Sec. 283. Distinctive number: form of number plates. 1. Distinctive number must be carried on motor vehicles. No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle on the public highways of this state after the first day of August, nineteen hundred and ten, unless such vehicle shall have a distinctive number as- front and rear signed to it by the secretary of state and a number plate with a number corresponding to that of the certificate of registration conspicuously displayed, one on the front and one on the rear of such vehicle, each securely fastened so as to prevent the same from swinging.

Numbers on

2. Number plates to be changed annually. Such number plates shall be of a distinctly different color each year, New numbers and there shall be at all times a marked

annually

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contrast between the color of the number plates and that of the numerals or letters thereon.

Number plates 6 x 15 inches

3. Form of number plate. Such number plate shall be of metal, at least six inches wide and not less than fifteen inches in length, on which there shall be the initials "N. Y.," and there shall be the distinctive number assigned to the vehicle set forth in numerals four inches long, each stroke of which shall be at least five-eighths of an inch in width; provided that in the case of a motor vehicle registered by a manufacturer or dealer there shall be on such plate in addition to the foregoing the letter "M." each stroke of such letter to be at least four inches long and fiveeighths of an inch in width. No vehicle shall display the number plates of more than one state at any time.

Dealer's "M"

Sec. 284. Registration by manufacturers and dealers; reregistration. 1. Registration by manufacturers and dealers. Every person, firm, association or corporation manufacturing or dealing in motor vehicles may, instead of registering each motor vehicle so manufactured or dealt in, make a verified application upon a blank to be furnished by the secretary of state for a general distinctive number for all the motor

Manufacturer's distinctive number

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vehicles owned or controlled by such manufacturer or dealer, such application to contain: (a) A brief description of each style or type of motor vehicle manufactured or dealt in by such manufacturer or dealer, including the character of the motor power, the amount of such motor power stated in figures of horse power in accordance with the rating established by the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers; and (b) the name, residence, including county and business address, of such manufacturer or dealer. the payment of the registration fee of fifteen dollars such application shall be filed and registered in the office of the secretary of state in the manner provided in section two hundred and eighty-two of this article. There shall thereupon be assigned and issued to such manufacturer or dealer a general distinctive number and without expense to the applicant issued and promptly delivered to such manufacturer dealer a certificate of registration in such form as the secretary of state shall prescribe, and a number plate with a number corresponding to the number of such certificate of registration. number plate or a duplicate thereof shall be displayed by every motor vehicle of such manufacturer or dealer when the same is operated or driven on

Contents of manufacturer's application

Fee of fifteen dollars

number

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Duplicate plates

the public highways. Such manufacturer or dealer may obtain as many duplicates of such number plate as may be desired upon payment to the secretary of state of one dollar for each duplicate. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to apply to a motor vehicle operated by a manufacturer or dealer for private use or for hire.

Dealers'

2. Reregistration annually. Such registration shall be renewed annually in the same manner and on the payment of the same fee as provided in this section for original registration, such renewal to take effect on the first day of February of each year. Provisions of subdivision five of section two hundred and eighty-two, relating to first registrations made under this article and duration of renewals, shall apply to registration under this section.

Nonresidents must comply with home laws Sec. 285. Exemption of nonresident owners. The provision of the foregoing sections relative to registration and display of registration numbers shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned by a nonresident of this state, other than a foreign corporation doing business in this state, provided that the owner thereof shall have complied with the provisions of the law of the foreign

country, state, territory or federal district of his residence relative to registration of motor vehicles and the display of registration numbers thereon. and shall conspicuously display his registration numbers as required thereby. The provisions of this section, however, shall be operative as to a motor vehicle owned by a nonresident of this state Reciprocal only to the extent that under the laws of the foreign country, state, territory or federal district of his residence like exemptions and privileges are granted to motor vehicles duly registered under the laws of and owned by residents of this state

Sec. 286. Signaling and other devices; signals; rules of the road. Brakes, horns and lamps, signaling at crossings. Every motor vehicle, operated or driven upon the public highways of this state, shall be provided with adequate brakes in good working Brakes order and sufficient to control such vehicle at all times when the same is in use, and a suitable and adequate bell, Bell or horn horn or other device for signaling, and shall, during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, display at least two lighted lamps on the front and one on the rear Lights of such vehicle, which shall also display a red light visible from the rear. The

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the number plate carried on the rear of such vehicle in such manner as to render the numerals thereon visible for at least fifty feet in the direction from which the motor vehicle is proceeding. The light of the front lamps shall be visible at least two hundred feet in the direction in which the motor vehicle is proceeding. Every person operating or driving a motor vehicle on the public highways of this state shall also, when approaching a cross road outside the limits of a city or incorporated village. slow down the speed of the same and shall sound his bell, horn or other device for signaling in such a manner as to give notice and warning of his ap-

Signaling at crossroads

> 2. Stopping on signal, and other regulations. A person operating or driving a motor vehicle shall, on signal by raising the hand, from a person riding, leading or driving a horse or horses or other draft animals, bring such motor vehicle immediately to a stop, and, if traveling in the opposite direction remain stationary so long as may be reasonable to allow such horse pass, and if direction, use same able caution in thereafter passing such horse or animal; provided that, in

Stopping car

case such horse or animal appears badly frightened or the person operating such motor vehicle is so signaled to do, such person shall cause the motor of such vehiele to cease running so long as shall stopping motor be reasonably necessary to prevent aceident and insure the safety of others. In approaching or passing a car of a street railway which has been stopped to allow passengers to alight or embark. the operator of every motor vehicle shall slow down and if it be necessary for the safety of the public he shall bring said vehicle to a full stop. Upon approaching a pedestrian who is upon the traveled part of any highway and not upon a sidewalk, and upon approaching an intersecting highway or a curve or a corner in a highway where the operator's view is obstructed, every person operating a motor vehicle shall slow down and give a timely signal with his bell, horn or other device for signaling.

Passing street cars

Signaling pedestrians and slowing down

Rules of the road. Whenever a person operating a motor vehicle shall meet on a public highway any other person riding or driving a horse or horses or other draft animals or any other vehicle, the person so operating such motor vehicle shall seasonably turn the same to the right of the center of such highway so as to pass without interfer-

To the right on meeting

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To the left on overtaking 36

ence. Any such person so operating a motor vehicle shall, on overtaking any such horse, draft animal or other vehicle, pass on the left side thereof and the rider or driver of such horse, draft animal or other vehicle shall, as soon as practicable, turn to the right so as to allow free passage on the left. Any such person so operating a motor vehicle shall, at the intersection of public highways, keep to the right of the intersection of the centers of such highways when turning to the right and pass to the right of such intersection when turning to the left,

At street intersections

Drivers must be careful Sec. 287. Speed permitted. Every person operating a motor vehicle on the public highway of this state shall drive the same in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the property of another or the life or limb of any person; provided, that a rate of speed in excess of thirty miles an hour for a distance of one-fourth of a mile shall be presumptive evidence of driving at a rate of speed which is not careful and prudent.

Presumptive evidence of carelessness

Sec. 288. Local ordinances prohibited. Except as herein otherwise provided, local authorities shall have no power to pass, enforce or maintain any

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licenses

ordinance, rule or regulation requiring from any owner or chauffeur to whom this article is applicable any tax, fee, license or permit for the use of the publie highways, or excluding any such owner or chauffeur from the free use of such public highways, excepting such driveway, speedway or road as has been or may be expressly set apart by law for the exclusive use of horses and light carriages or in any other way respecting motor vehicles or their speed upon or use of the public highways; and no ordinance, rule or regulation contrary to or in anywise inconsistent with the provisions of this article, now in force or hereafter enacted, shall have any effect: provided, however, that the power given to local authorities to regulate vehicles offered to the public for hire. and processions, assemblages or parades in the streets or public places, and all ordinances, rules and regulations which may have been or which may be enacted in pursuance of such powers shall remain in full force and effect; and provided, further, that local authorities may set aside for a given time a specified public highway for speed contests or races, to be conducted under proper restrictions for the safety of the public; and provided, further, that local authorities may exclude motor vehicles from any cemetery or grounds used for

No inconsistent

Local regulations

Speedways authorized

Exclusion from cemeteries

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Exclusion from parks

the burial of the dead, and may by general rule, ordinance or regulation exclude motor vehicles used solely for commercial purposes from any park or part of a park system where such general rule, ordinance or regulation is applicable equally and generally to all other vehicles used for the same purposes, and provided further that nothing in this article contained shall impair the validity or effect of any ordinances, regulating the speed of motor vehicles, or of any traffic regulations with regard to the operation of motor vehicles, heretofore or hereafter made, adopted or prescribed pursuant to law in any city of the first class; provided, further, that the local authorities of other cities and incorporated villages may limit by ordinance, rule or regulation the speed of motor vehicles on the public highways, such speed limitation not to be in any case less than one mile in four minutes, and the maintenance of a greater rate of speed for one-eighth of a mile shall be presumptive evidence of driving at a rate of speed which is not careful and prudent, and on further condition that each city or village shall have placed conspicuously on each main public highway where the city or village line crosses the same and on every

main highway where the rate of speed changes, signs of sufficient size to be

Speed regulations in other cities and villages

Speed regulations

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Presumptive evidence of carelessness

easily readable by a person using the highway, bearing the words, "City of or "Incorporated vil-" "Slow down to -miles" (the rate being inserted), and also an arrow pointing in the direction where the speed is to be reduced or changed, and also on further condition that such ordinance, rule or regulation shall fix the punishment for violation thereof, which punishment shall, during the existence of the ordinance, rule or regulation, supersede those specified in subdivision two of section two hundred and ninety of this chapter but, except in cities of the first class, shall not exceed the same. Official copies of all local ordinances passed under the provisions of this subdivision shall be filed with the secretary of state at least thirty days before they shall respectively take effect and all such local ordinances shall be printed in pamphlet form and issued at regular intervals by the secretary of state.

Posting speed signs

Penalties may be fixed by ordinance

Cities of first class

Secretary of state to publish local

Sec. 289. License of chauffeurs; renewals. 1. License of chauffeurs. Application for license to operate motor vehicles, as a chauffeur, may be made, by mail or otherwise, to the secretary of Applications state or his duly authorized agent upon blanks prepared under his authority.

Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County Historic Serials Collection NEW YORK STATE LAW

Framiners

The secretary of state shall appoint examiners and cause examinations to be held at convenient points throughout the state as often as may be necessary. Such applications shall be accompanied by a photograph of the applicant in

Photograph and blanks

Examinations

Eighteen years of age

Chauffeur's liceuse

such numbers and forms as the secretary of state shall prescribe, said photograph to be taken within thirty days prior to the filing of said application and to be accompanied by the fee provided herein. Before such a license is granted the applicant shall pass such examination as to his qualifications as the secretary of state shall require, and no license shall be issued until the secretary of state or his authorized agent is satisfied that the applicant is a proper person to receive it. No chauffeur's license shall be issued to any person under eighteen years of age. To each person shall be assigned some distinguishing number or mark, and the license issued shall be in such form as the secretary of state shall determine; it may contain special restrictions and limitations concerning the type of motor power, horse power, design and other features of the motor vehicles which the licensee may operate: it shall contain the distinguishing number or mark assigned to the licensee, his name, place of residence and address, a brief description of the licensee for the purpose

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of identification and the photograph of the licensee. Such distinctive number or mark shall be of a distinctly different color each year and in any year shall be of the same color as that of the number plates issued for that year. The secretary of state shall furnish to every chauffeur so licensed a suitable metal hadge with the distinguishing number or mark assigned to him thereon without extra charge therefor. This badge shall thereafter be worn by such chauffeur pinned upon his clothing in a conspicuous place, at all times while he is operating or driving a motor vehicle upon the public highways. Said badge shall be valid only during the term of the license of the chauffeur to whom it is issued as aforesaid. Every person licensed to operate motor vehicles as aforesaid shall indorse his usual signature on the margin of the license, in the space provided for the purpose, immediately upon receipt of said license, and such license shall not be valid until so indorsed. Every application for license filed under the provisions of this section shall be sworn to and shall be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. The license hereunder granted on or before August first, nineteen hundred and ten, shall take effect on that date, and licenses issued prior to January thirtyfirst, nineteen hundred and eleven, shall

Chauffeur's

Badges must be worn

Badges expire

Indorsing licenses

Five dollars

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expire on that date. The fees for such licenses shall be one-half of the annual fees provided herein.

2. Chauffeurs' licensed registration book. Upon the receipt of such an application, the secretary of state shall thereupon file the same in his office, and register the applicant in a book or index which shall be kept in the same manner as the book or index for the registration of motor vehicles, and when the applicant shall have passed the examination provided for in the preceding section, the number or mark assigned to such applicant together with the fact that such applicant has passed such examination shall be noted in said book or index.

Registration of chauffeur's licenses

3. Unauthorized possession or use of license or badge. No chauffeur having been licensed as herein provided shall voluntarily permit any other person to possess or use his license or badge, nor shall any person while operating or driving a motor vehicle use or possess any license or badge belonging to another person, or a fictitious license or badge.

Loaning badges forbidden

4. Unlicensed chauffeurs cannot drive motor vehicles. No person shall

operate or drive a motor vehicle as a chauffeur upon a public highway of this state after the first day of August, nineteen hundred and ten, unless such person shall have complied in all respects with chauffeurs must the requirements of this section: provided, however, that a nonresident chauffeur, who has registered under provisions of law of the foreign country, state, territory or federal district of his residence substantially equivalent to the provisions of this section, shall be exempt from license under this section; and provided, further, he shall wear Nonresident the badge assigned to him in the foreign country, state, territory or federal district of his residence in the manner provided in this section.

comply with law

chauffeurs

5. Renewal. Such license shall be renewed annually upon the payment of the same fee as provided in this section Renewal fee for the original license, such renewal to take effect on the first day of February of each year.

Sec. 290. Punishment for violation: procedure. 1. The violation of any of the provisions of sections two hundred and eighty-two, two hundred and eighty-three and two hundred and eighty-four of this article shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine Misdemeanor not exceeding fifty dollars.

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Misdemeanor

2. The violation of any of the provisions of section two hundred and eighty-seven of this article shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Drunken drivers guilty of misdemeanor

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Running away after doing damage is a felony

> \$500 fine or two years imprisonment

3. Punishment for operating motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition; for going away without stopping after accident and making himself known. Whoever operates a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. person operating a motor vehicle who. knowing that injury has been caused to a person or property, due to the culpability of the said operator, or to accident, leaves the place of said injury or accident, without stopping and giving his name, residence, including street and street number, and operator's license number to the injured party, or to a police officer, or in case no police officer is in the vicinity of the place of said injury or accident, then reporting the same to the nearest police station, or judicial officer, shall be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and if any person be convicted a second time of either of the foregoing offenses, he shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for a term of not less than one year and not more than five years. A conviction of a violation of this subdivision shall be reported forthwith by the trial court or the clerk thereof to the secretary of state, who shall upon recommendation of the trial court suspend the license of the person so convicted or if he be an owner the certificate of registration of his motor vehicle and, if no appeal therefrom be taken, or if an appeal duly taken be dismissed, or the judgment affirmed, and upon notice thereof by said clerk, the secretary of state shall revoke such license or in the case of an owner the certificate of registration of his motor vehicle, and shall order the license or certificate of registration delivered to the secretary of state, and shall not reissue to him said license or certificate of registration or any other license or certificate of registration unless the secretary of state in his discretion, after an investigation or upon a hearing, decides to reissue or issue such license or certificate.

2d conviction one to five years

Reporting convictions and suspending licenses

Revoking licenses and certificates

 Any chauffeur operating a motor vehicle while his license is suspended or revoked shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Suspended chauffeurs

5. Any person who operates any mo-

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tor vehicle while a certificate of registration of motor vehicle issued to him is suspended or revoked shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Licenses revoked

6. Upon a third or subsequent conviction of a chauffeur for a violation of the provisions of section two hundred and eighty-seven, or an ordinance, rule or regulation regulating speed of motor vehicles under section two hundred and eighty-eight, the secretary of state, upon the recommendation of the trial court, shall forthwith revoke the license of the person so convicted and no new license shall be issued to such person for at least six months after the date of such conviction nor thereafter except in the discretion of the said secretary of state.

No new license in six months

7. The violation of any of the provisions of section two hundred and eightynine of this article shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Misdemeanor to violate Sec. 289

8. Any person making a false statement in the verified application for registration shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not exceeding fifty dollars.

False statement a misdemeanor

9. Any person violating any of the provisions of any section of this article

for which violation no punishment has been specified, shall be guilty of a mis- Penalty \$25 demeanor punishable by a fine of not where not otherexceeding twenty-five dollars.

10. Certifying conviction to the secretary of state. Upon the conviction of any person for a violation of any of the provisions of this article the trial court or the clerk thereof shall immediately certify the facts of the case, including certifying the name and address of the offender. the judgment of the court and the sentence imposed, to the secretary of state, who shall enter the same either in the book or index of registered motor vehicles or in the book or index of registered chauffeurs, as the case may be, opposite the name of the person so convicted. and in the case of any other person, in a book or index of offenders to be kept convictions for such purpose. If any such conviction shall be reversed upon appeal therefrom, the person whose conviction has been so reversed may serve on the secretary of state a certified copy of the order of reversal, whereupon the secretary of state shall enter the same in the proper book or index in connection with the record of such conviction.

convictions

11. Release from custody, bail, et cetera. In case any person shall be taken into custody charged with a vio-

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lation of any of the provisions of this article, he shall forthwith be taken before the nearest magistrate, captain, lieutenant, clerk of the court or acting lieutenant who shall have the power of a magistrate and be entitled to an immediate hearing or admission to bail, and

if such hearing cannot then be had, be

Bail and

Bond for misdemeanor \$100

> Bond for felony \$1000

Deposit or leaving vehicle

released from custody on giving a bond or undertaking, executed by a fidelity or surety company authorized to do business in this state, or other bail in the form provided by section five hundred and sixty-eight of the code of criminal procedure, such bond or undertaking to be in an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars, if the charge be for a misdemeanor, for his appearance to answer for such violation at such time and place as shall then be indicated. In case a person is taken into custody charged with being guilty of a felony in violation of any of the provisions of this article, such bond or undertaking shall be in an amount not less than one thousand dollars. On giving his personal undertaking to appear to answer any such violation at such time and place as shall then be indicated, secured by the deposit of a sum of money equal to the amount of such bond or undertaking, or in lieu thereof, in case the person taken into custody is the owner. by leaving the motor vehicle, or in case such person taken into custody is not the owner, by leaving the motor vehicle as herein provided with a written consent given at the time by the owner who must be present, with such officer; or in case such person is taken into custody because of a violation of any of the provisions of this article other than on a charge of violating any the provisions of subdivision three of section two hundred and ninety and such officer is not accessible, be forthwith released from custody on giving his name and address to the person making the arrest and depositing with such arresting officer the sum of one hundred dollars, or in lieu thereof, in case the person taken into custody is the owner, by leaving the motor vehicle, or, in case such person taken into custody is not the owner, by leaving the motor vehicle with a written consent at the time by the owner who must be present: provided that, in any such case, the officer making the arrest shall give a receipt in writing for such sum or vehicle deposited and notify such person to appear before the most accessible magistrate, describing him, and specifying the place and hour. In case such bond or undertaking shall not be given or deposit made by the owner or other person taken into custody, the provisions of

Deposit for violation of Sec. 290, Sub. 3

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Provisions of law as to bail apply 50

law in reference to bail, in case of misdemeanor, shall apply. Where the charge is a violation of subdivision three of section two hundred and ninety of this article, the provisions of law in reference to bail in cases of a misdemeanor or a felony as the case may be shall apply exclusively.

Defendant held to answer

Bond required when defendant held

Holding defendant to answer where magistrate has not jurisdiction to try offender; admitting to bail. case the magistrate before whom any person shall be taken, charged with the violation of any provision of this article, shall not have jurisdiction to try the defendant, but shall hold the defendant to answer as provided by section two hundred and eight of the code of criminal procedure, he shall admit such defendant to bail upon his giving a surety company's bond or undertaking to appear to answer for such violation at such time and place as shall then be indicated, or upon his giving a written undertaking in the form provided in section five hundred and sixtyeight of the code of criminal procedure in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, except that in a case where the defendant is charged with a violation of any of the provisions of subdivision three of section two hundred and ninety MOTOR VEHICLES

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of this article, the provisions of law in reference to bail in cases of a misdemeanor or a felony as the case may be shall apply exclusively.

13. Disposition and return of bail. Such bail as may be deposited as herein provided shall be held by the officer accepting the same or the clerk of the court. Upon the person who has been taken into custody and given security or bail for his appearance surrendering himself for trial and upon the conclusion of such trial the court shall issue to the defendant an order upon the magistrate or clerk of the court or other officer authorized to accept bail to return or deliver back said security or bail as was given.

Bail returned after trial

14. A conviction of violation of any provision of this article shall not be a bar to a prosecution for an assault or for a homicide committed by any person in operating a motor vehicle.

Conviction not a bar against charge of homicide

Sec. 291. Disposition of registration fees; fines and penalties. 1. The registration fees provided herein shall be paid by the secretary of state into the state treasury.

Fees go to state treasury

2. Disposition of fines and penalties. On the first day of each month or within ten days thereafter all fines, penalties

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Fines to be

or forfeitures collected for violation of any of the provisions of this article or of any act in relation to the use of the public highways by motor vehicles now in force or hereafter enacted, under the sentence or judgment of any court, judge, magistrate or other judicial officer having jurisdiction in the premises, shall be paid over by such court, judge, magistrate or other judicial officer to the treasurer of the state, with statement accompanying the same. setting forth the action or proceeding in which such moneys were collected, the name and residence of the defendant. the nature of the offense, and the fine, penalty, sentence or judgment imposed. On the first day of each month or within ten days thereafter, every judge, magistrate or clerk of a court having jurisdiction of the violation of any of the provisions of this article, shall make and forward to the treasurer of the state, a verified report of all criminal actions or proceedings instituted or tried before him or it during the preceding calendar month for violation of any of the provisions of this article. which report shall set forth the name and address of the defendants, the nature of the offenses and the fines and penalties collected or imposed by such court, judge, magistrate or judicial officer, which report shall be open to in-

Prosecutions to be reported

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spection during reasonable business hours to any citizen of the state. On or before the first day of February of each year, the treasurer shall transmit to each branch of the legislature a statement showing the amount of the receipts under this article during the preceding fiscal year paid into the state treasury.

Annual report of state treasurer

3. All moneys paid into the state treasury pursuant to this article shall be appropriated and used for the maintenance and repair of the improved roads of the state, under the direction of the state commission of highways.

Fines applied to highway repairs

Sec. 292. Rates of toll on motor vehicles. Where a different rate is not otherwise prescribed or permitted by law, any person or corporation maintaining a plankroad, turnpike road or bridge and authorized, or which shall be hereafter authorized, to receive tolls Toll road for the passage of vehicles over the same, may charge and receive for each and every motor vehicle propelled by any power other than animal power, passing over the same, a toll rate not greater than the maximum rate allowed by law to be charged and received for the passage of a vehicle drawn over such road or bridge by two animals, provided that for such motor vehicles

charges

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designed to carry only two persons the rate of toll charged or received shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by law to be charged and received for the passage of a vehicle drawn over such road or bridge, without a load, by a single animal.

Sec. 293. Acts repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this article or contrary thereto are hereby expressly repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed 54

NOTE—Sec. 1293-a of the Penal Law of the State of New York, as amended L. 1910, Ch. 621, reads as follows:

Unauthorized use of vehicles—Any chauffeur or other person who without the consent of the owner shall take, use, operate or remove or cause to be taken, used, operated or removed from a garage, stable or other building or place or from any place or locality on a private or public highway, park, parkway, street, lot, field, inclosure or space an automobile or motor vehicle, and operate or drive or cause the same to be operated or driven for his own profit, use or purpose, steals the same and is guilty of larceny and shall be punishable accordingly.

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