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## No. 1645.

An Act to enable the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to compile New Records of the names of Owners of Motor Vehicles, to alter the date of the Payment of Tax on Motor Vehicles for the current financial year and to amend the Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1915, and the Motor Vehicles Act, 1921, accordingly.

*[Assented to, December 24th, 1924.]*

WHEREAS the documentary records of the office of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles were on the evening of the tenth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, destroyed by fire: And whereas it is expedient to make provision for enabling the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to compile new records in order to carry on the business of his said office—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited alone as the “Motor Vehicles Act, 1924.” Short titles.

(2) The Motor Vehicles Acts, 1921 and 1922, and this Act may be cited together as the “Motor Vehicles Acts, 1921 to 1924.”

(3) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1921, is hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act.”

2. This Act is incorporated with the other Acts mentioned in section 1 of this Act, and with all other Acts incorporated with the principal Act. Incorporation.

3. (1) After

*Motor Vehicles Act.—1924.*

Registration of  
motor vehicles.

3. (1) After the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, a motor vehicle shall be deemed not to be registered under the principal Act, unless it has been registered in the Register of Motor Vehicles on or after the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four. This provision shall have effect notwithstanding any provision of the principal Act, and notwithstanding any registration of the motor vehicle effected prior to the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

(2) The provisions of the principal Act applicable to the registration of motor vehicles shall have effect with respect to every application for registration of a motor vehicle made after the commencement of this Act, and before the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, subject to the following paragraphs:—

(a) Where the Registrar is satisfied that a motor vehicle in respect of which an application for registration is made was registered prior to the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, by the person making the application, the Registrar shall without payment of any fee register the motor vehicle and assign to it the number which, in his opinion, was assigned to it when previously registered by the person aforesaid:

(b) The Registrar before registering a motor vehicle under the next preceding paragraph may require the applicant to make a statutory declaration or produce such other evidence as the Registrar requires, to prove the previous registration of the motor vehicle.

(3) This section shall not apply in the case of a motor vehicle kept for sale by a manufacturer of, or dealer in, motor vehicles, if such motor vehicle is not in actual use or available for hire.

(4) If any person applying for registration of a motor vehicle after the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, satisfies the Registrar that the motor vehicle in respect of which the application is made was registered prior to the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, by the person applying as aforesaid, and that he was unable owing to absence from the State, illness, or other cause which the Registrar deems sufficient, to apply for registration of the motor vehicle before the said thirty-first day of January, the Registrar may, without payment of any fee, register the motor vehicle and assign to it the number which in his opinion was assigned to it when previously registered by the person applying as aforesaid.

Registration for  
manufacturers and  
dealers.

4. (1) After the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, no general identification number assigned pursuant to section 9 of the principal Act shall be deemed to be of any force or validity unless the same was assigned on or after the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

(2) The

*Motor Vehicles Act.—1924.*

(2) The provisions of the principal Act relating to the assignment of general identification numbers shall after the commencement of this Act, and until the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, have effect subject to the following paragraphs:—

- (a) Where the Registrar is satisfied that any manufacturer or dealer applying for one or more general identification numbers is a person to whom one or more general identification numbers were assigned before the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, the Registrar shall, without payment of any fee, assign to such manufacturer or dealer the same general identification number or numbers as in the opinion of the Registrar was or were previously assigned to such manufacturer or dealer :
- (b) The Registrar before assigning any general identification number under the next preceding paragraph may require the manufacturer or dealer applying as aforesaid to make a statutory declaration or produce such other evidence as the Registrar may require to prove that the number was previously assigned to the said manufacturer or dealer.

5. (1) The Registrar shall forward to every person on whose application he has registered a motor vehicle between the tenth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and the date of the commencement of this Act, and shall issue to every person who registers a motor vehicle on or after the date of the commencement of this Act and not later than the twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, an acknowledgment in writing specifying the name of the registered owner of the motor vehicle, the number of the motor vehicle, the number of the engine thereof, and the date of registration. Every acknowledgment shall be written or printed on a piece of paper, cardboard, or cloth of such a kind as to be easily affixed to some conspicuous part of a motor vehicle.

Issue of acknowledgments of registration and duty of Drivers with respect thereto.

(2) The Registrar shall issue to any person who has received an acknowledgment of registration under this section, and who satisfies the Registrar that the same has been lost or destroyed, a duplicate acknowledgment of registration containing the same particulars as the original. A duplicate acknowledgment of registration shall be of the same force and effect as an original.

(3) It shall be the duty of the driver of every motor vehicle when requested by a member of the Police Force, at any time during the month of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, to produce and show to such member the acknowledgment of registration issued in respect of such motor vehicle, and every person who fails to comply with any such request shall be guilty of an offence against this Act : Provided that no driver of a motor vehicle shall be guilty of an offence under this section if he produces the acknowledgment within forty-eight hours of the making of the request.

6. No

*Motor Vehicles Act.—1924.***Licences.**

6. No licence issued under the principal Act and expiring on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, shall be renewed, but the Registrar shall issue a new licence to every holder of any such licence as aforesaid who makes application therefor in the manner and pays the fees prescribed by section 12 of the principal Act.

**Alteration of date of payment of tax on motor vehicles.**

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1915, the tax required to be paid in aid of the General Revenue of the State for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, on every motor vehicle, pursuant to the said Act, shall be paid to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles on or before the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, by the person who was on the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, registered as the owner of such motor vehicle, or by such other person as is liable to pay the tax under the said Act, and with respect to the tax aforesaid the said Act shall be so construed as to give effect to this section.

**Evidence.**

8. In any legal proceedings in respect of an offence under this Act the production of a document purporting to be a certificate under the hand of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, and stating—

(a) that any motor vehicle described in the certificate was not registered by the person named in the certificate on or after the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four; or

(b) that any general identification number specified in the certificate was not assigned to the person named in the certificate on or after the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four,

shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated.

**Regulations.**

9. The Governor may make such regulations as are necessary or convenient for the purpose of giving effect to this Act, and for enabling the Registrar to compile new records in lieu of those recently destroyed by fire.

**Forms.**

10. For the purpose of this Act, any forms prescribed for use under the principal Act may be used with such additions or modifications as the Registrar may direct.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

TOM BRIDGES, Governor.