



*Amended 1905 c. 37
and another enacted
This Act replaced 1911, c.*

CHAPTER 41.

An Act to regulate the speed and operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways.

[10th February, 1904.]

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Motor Vehicles Speed Regulation Act, 1904."

2. Whenever the term "motor vehicle" is used in this Act, it shall be construed to include automobiles, locomobiles, and all other vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, excepting the cars of electric and steam railways, and other motor vehicles running only upon rails or tracks; but nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to apply to or affect bicycles, tricycles, or such other vehicles as are propelled exclusively by muscular pedal power.

3. Every resident of this Province who is the owner of a motor vehicle, and every non-resident owner whose motor vehicle shall be driven in this Province, shall pay to the Superintendent of Provincial Police a registration fee of two dollars for every motor vehicle. The Superintendent of Provincial Police shall issue for each motor vehicle so registered a permit properly numbered, stating that such motor vehicle is registered in accordance with this section, and shall cause the name of such owner, with his address and the number of his permit, to be entered in a book to be kept for such purpose. This section shall not apply to manufacturers or dealers in this Province of motor vehicles, except as to vehicles kept by such manufacturer or such dealer for private use, or for hire.

Issue of permits.

4. Such permits shall be issued from the office of the Superintendent of Provincial Police, and shall be furnished to persons requiring the same by such persons and subject to such conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall name and appoint for that purpose.

Display of permit.

5. The owner of each and every motor vehicle driving the same upon the public streets, public roads, parks, or other public highways of this Province, shall carry and expose on said motor vehicle the permit issued as aforesaid by the Superintendent of Provincial Police, and he shall also have attached to or exposed upon the back of every such motor vehicle, in a conspicuous place, the number of said permit, so as to be plainly visible at all times during the daylight, such number to be in plain figures not less than three inches in height.

Alarm bells.

6. Each and every motor vehicle shall be equipped and supplied with a proper alarm bell, gong or horn, and the same shall be sounded whenever it shall be reasonably necessary to be sounded for the purpose of notifying pedestrians or others of the approach of any such vehicle, and all such vehicles shall carry a lighted lamp, or lamps, in a conspicuous position in such vehicle, whenever in motion in any street, alley or public way, at any time after dusk and before dawn, such light to display prominently the number of the permit issued as aforesaid by the Superintendent of Provincial Police.

Lamps.

Rate of speed.

7. No motor vehicle shall be run upon any public highway within any city, town or incorporated village at a greater rate of speed than ten miles an hour, or upon any public highway outside of any city, town or incorporated village at a greater speed than fifteen miles per hour: Provided that the Council of any city, town, township or village may by by-law set apart any public street or highway, or any part thereof, on which motor vehicles may be driven at any higher rate of speed than herein limited, for the purpose of testing the same, and may pass by-laws for regulating and governing the use of any such street or highway or part thereof for the purposes aforesaid.

Racing.

8. No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon any public street, highway, road, park, parkway or driveway in this Province in a race, or on a bet or wager.

Management of motors.

9. Every person having control or charge of a motor vehicle shall, whenever upon any public street or way and approaching any vehicle drawn by horse or horses, or any horse upon which any person is riding, operate, manage and control such motor vehicle in such manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of any such horse or horses, and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same. And if any such horse or horses appear frightened, the person in control of such motor vehicle

shall reduce its speed, and if requested by signal or otherwise by the driver of such horse or horses, shall not proceed further towards such animal, unless such movement be necessary to avoid accident or injury, or until such animal appears to be under the control of its rider or driver.

10. Upon approaching a crossing of intersecting ways, and also in traversing the crossing or intersection, or in crossing a bridge, the person in control of a motor vehicle shall run it at a rate of speed less than that specified, and not greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the intersecting ways or bridge. ^{Rate of speed at crossways.}

11. Any person violating any provision of this Act shall for the first offence incur a penalty not exceeding the sum of twenty-five dollars, and for the second or subsequent offence shall incur a like penalty, or may be imprisoned for the term not exceeding one month. And the penalties hereby imposed shall be recoverable upon proceedings under "Summary Convictions Act." ^{Penalty.}

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