

the maker thereof; (3) the number of cylinders and diameter of the bore of the cylinder stated in inches, and (4) such other information as shall be required by said commissioner. The horsepower of all motor vehicles propelled by gas engines, except motorcycles, shall be computed and recorded upon the following formula, and the annual license fee hereinafter provided for, paid in accordance therewith: Square the diameter of the cylinder, multiply by the number of cylinders and divide by two and one-half. For all motor vehicles propelled by a steam engine the rating shall be based on the system of rating adopted by the United States Government. Should any other motor power be used, the commissioner of motor vehicles is empowered to adopt such formula to govern their rating as he may deem proper. The said commissioner of motor vehicles, upon payment of the registration fee hereinafter provided for, shall file such application in his office and register such motor vehicle, assigning to it a distinguishing number or mark, and shall thereupon issue to the owner thereof a certificate of registration, which shall contain the name, place of residence and post-office address of the owner, and the number or mark assigned to such motor vehicle. Such certificate shall be in convenient form and shall at all times be carried upon such motor vehicle, and shall be subject to examination upon demand by any proper officer. Said commissioner shall also, without expense to the applicant, issue and deliver to such owner two duplicate metal plates or markers bearing the letters "Md." and the number or mark assigned to such motor vehicle as aforesaid, the figures thereon to be not less than five inches high, and each stroke to be not less than one-half inch in width. Such plates or markers shall be of a distinctly different color or shade each year, to be designated and selected by the commissioner of motor vehicles, and there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the color of the number plates and that of the numerals or letters thereon. In the case of motorcycles one number plate or marker shall be furnished, the letters and figures thereon to be at least one inch high and one-eighth of an inch in width. The certificate provided for in this section and the right to use the number plate or marker aforesaid shall expire at midnight on December thirty-first of each and every year.

As to bicycle sidepath licenses, see art. 91, sec. 86, *et seq.*

1910, ch. 207, sec. 134 (p. 172).

136. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall keep a record of all statements filed with him and all certificates issued by him, which record shall be open to public inspection. Upon the transfer of ownership of any motor vehicle, its certificate of registration and the right to use the number plates or markers aforesaid, shall expire, and upon surrender to said commissioner of such certificate and number plates, he shall refund for the remaining months in the year the proportionable part of the fee for the registration of such motor vehicle for the entire year, the amount so refunded to be computed as to entire months and no fraction of months, and said commissioner may, at his discretion: