

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.

RECORDS—EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION IN CASE OF SALE.

134. 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, reassign the distinguishing mark or number contained or described in such certificate. In the event any plate or marker issued by said Commissioner under the provisions of this or the preceding section shall be lost or destroyed, he shall issue a duplicate thereof at cost price. In the event that said Commissioner shall be unable to immediately furnish any plate or marker herein provided for to the person entitled thereto, he may issue a certificate to such person, stating that such marker has been ordered and giving the number and general design thereof, and such person may thereafter provide and use a temporary plate or marker similar in form to the plate or marker herein provided for until said required plate or marker has been so furnished.

REGISTRATION BY MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS.

135. Every manufacturer of or dealer in motor vehicles, including individuals, corporations and copartnerships, may, instead of registering each motor vehicle owned or controlled by him, it or them, make application upon a blank provided by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a general distinguishing number or mark, and said Commissioner may, if satisfied