

Organized motorists in Illinois are lining up in support of the driver's license bill, known as Senate Bill 480, introduced by the senate committee on license and miscellany to which has been referred the various licensing and examination bills.

At a meeting held at the Chicago Motor club Saturday, May sixteenth, the Illinois Automobile Association pledged their support to this measure, as did the Tennant Farmers' Association of Illinois.

**Barr Bill Amended**

The Wolf bill was tabled by the committee, which voted out the Barr bill with certain amendments offered by various groups interested in this subject, as a committee bill, with a recommendation that it do pass.

"This bill approved by the senate committee is the kind of bill that organized motorists are certain to support," says Chicago Motor club, "It contains no revenue producing features which the motorist would be forced to shoulder, nor does it create a political czar in the nature of a registrar, while at the same time it effectively sets up the machinery that will drive the careless, incompetent, and unfit driver off the city streets and country highways."

"It will save the motorists several million dollars a year when compared with other bills, as the license fee fixed by the committee bill is only twenty-five cents."

**Conditions of Application**

"The committee bill provides that any reputable person, not less than fifteen years of age may be licensed as a motor vehicle operator upon filing an application under oath setting up a personal description of himself, that he is more than fifteen years old, can read the English language, and is not color blind, that he has the unimpaired use of both hands and both feet, and has driven a motor vehicle more than six months prior to the date of his application, that he is not afflicted with epilepsy, has never been convicted of a felony, and has never had his license revoked. This application must be signed by two reputable householders, not related to the applicant, but who can testify that the applicant in their opinion is a fit person to drive a car."

**May Apply to Secretary**

"Applicants who are unable to make the affidavit because of physical infirmity or for other causes, may make application to the Secretary of State under oath, setting up the facts. The secretary of state will then permit the applicant to take a chauffeur's examination, and if he passes he will be entitled to a regular driver's license."

"The secretary of state will issue some kind of distinguishing mark to each operator to whom a license is issued, and the names of those operators whose licenses have been revoked will be furnished to the sheriff and to the police."

**To Note Violations**

"Judges will be required to endorse upon the license of operators, convictions of violations of the motor vehicle act, the date of the conviction, and the amount of the fine imposed. This report is also turned in to the secretary of state, who may suspend the license for three months if the driver has been convicted of three violations of the motor vehicle act within the year, or for any cause for which a license may be suspended or revoked by a court."

"A fine of \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for one year or both may be imposed upon operators who drive their cars after their license has been suspended or revoked."

**May Revoke Licenses**

"This bill," continues Mr. Hays, "is easy to put into force, it has teeth and it puts into the hands of the courts and the secretary of state, the power most feared by reckless drivers, the power to suspend or revoke the license. It will drive reckless motorists from the city streets and country highways. It will be welcomed by all right thinking motorists who realize that they are now being forced to shoulder the blame for the actions of the small minority who are careless or incompetent. This bill will do much toward cutting down the number of accidents in Illinois. The revocation of licenses is a club which is successfully used in other states and it has been used in England for a number of years. Wherever it is in force it is universally praised by safety workers." At the recent annual meeting of secretaries and club managers of the American Automobile Association, in Washington, D. C., Herbert W. Baker, secretary of the New York State Automobile association, who has made a very intensive study of the results of licensing automobile drivers, states that in his opinion the one outstanding value of a licensing law was the provision which enables the courts to revoke a driver's license.

Claimed many children have faulted posture. Some think they should assume the old fashioned posture of Father's knee.

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