

DRIVER'S LICENSE BILL IS PROSPECT

Such an Act Likely to Be Offered in Illinois House; Explains Plan

In the expectation that it will be introduced in the general assembly in the immediate future, the legislative department of the Chicago Motor club has mailed printed copies of its drivers' license bill to all members of the Illinois legislature.

The foreword of the booklet containing the bill stresses the point that licenses would be issued upon application without mental, physical nor driving examination, except under certain circumstances.

Examinations a Burden

"Unnecessary examinations as a pre-requisite to a license are expensive, burdensome and unproductive of the result desired," the club declared in part in the forward. "The elimination of compulsory examinations of all applicants will permit the issuance of licenses at nominal cost. We favor the issuance of a driver's license at minimum expense and inconvenience, but with adequate provisions for revocation and suspension. For this reason our bill is frankly directed at the small minority of reckless and irresponsible drivers to whom are chargeable the toll of loss of life and injuries to persons and property."

The bill provides, briefly and generally, for the issuance of a license to drivers upon declaration that they are qualified in various ways to operate a car safely. The fee is estimated at twenty-five cents.

Revocation of a license would be for one year and would result from conviction for manslaughter arising from the operation of a motor vehicle, driving while intoxicated, fleeing from an accident, any crime punishable as a felony under the Motor Vehicle Act, driving a car while the license was suspended, or perjury committed in securing a license.

Provides Penalty

The bill also provides for a penalty comprising a fine not exceeding \$500 to be imposed upon violators of any of the provisions of the drivers' license act, and in addition thereto, upon conviction of driving a motor vehicle while a license has been revoked or suspended, imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year.

Suspension of a license would be for six months and would result when the holder is found to be incompetent to drive by reason of mental or physical infirmities or by reason of habitual recklessness or negligence.

Huge Sum to Be Spent by Tourists in 1931, Motor Club Estimates

American car owners are expected to spend approximately three and one-half billion dollars while touring in this country this year, and an additional half-billion while driving in Canada, Mexico and Europe, thus bringing the total national bill, for vacationing via motor to four billions.

That is the estimate of the touring bureau of the Chicago Motor Club. It is based on records and statistics of expenditures by American motorists in the various countries during the past several years.

Following are the sums which American motorists may be expected to spend in the various areas this year:

United States	\$3,500,000,000
Canada	350,000,000
Mexico	50,000,000
Europe	100,000,000

The estimated expenditures in this country and Canada will run close to actual expenditures. There is some element of doubt, however, as to the accuracy of the figures for Mexico. The doubt exists because of the uncertainty of the completion of the Pan-American highway between Monterrey, Mexico, and Mexico City.

The library of Field Museum of Natural History has exchanged with some 700 other scientific institutions during the last year 15,381 copies of the museum's publications.

Name Barrington Man as Deputy Coroner

County Coroner John L. Taylor of Libertyville announced last week that Norman Brandt of Barrington had been appointed deputy coroner to assist Dr. Taylor in all cases in southwestern Lake county.

Reports should be made either to Dr. Taylor or to Deputy Coroner Brandt at Barrington.

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