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AVIATION INSURANCE, 'BOOTLEGGING' CURB, FEATURE NEW BILL

**Amendment to Act Will
Check Sale of Insurance
in Unlicensed Companies
by Mail Outside Ontario
and in United States**

POWER TO EXAMINE BOOKS, RECORDS

Addition of "aviation insurance" to those classes of insurance for which an insurer may be licensed; a regulation tending to curb the "bootlegging insurance" evil; the definite assumption by the department of express power to examine books and records of insurance agents and brokers; and the making of it an offense for any Ontario insurance company to carry on business in a foreign jurisdiction without a license under the laws of such foreign jurisdiction, are features of the act to amend the Insurance Act which Attorney-General William H. Price brought down to the Legislature yesterday.

The act also relieves the department of the necessity of making an annual inspection of mutual benefit societies with less than three hundred members. It amends, too, the standard of valuation of life insurance reserves to make optional the use of the American Men Ultimate Table of Mortality for valuation of contracts issued on and after Jan. 1, 1929.

Curb "Bootlegging."

In connection with the matter of "bootleg" insurance, the department, under R. Leighton Foster, Superintendent, has had many complaints of late that brokerage officers were operating in Toronto, selling insurance in unlicensed companies by mail outside the Province and in the United States. The amendment which the department has introduced will effectively curb this "evil."

The department points out that, while there has been no complaint of Ontario companies selling unauthorized insurance in the United States, all States and Provinces have, however, recommended the enactment of a foreign jurisdiction license. On more than one occasion in the past Ontario has been flooded with literature of American companies, and has been powerless to act against them. If all jurisdictions were to enact the provision the Province has now introduced, unauthorized insurance solicitation, the department feels, would be impossible.

The above features are purely "life insurance" features of the amendments. Under the head of "fire insurance," an amendment has been brought in to get over the decision in Cooper v. Toronto Casualty Fire and Marine Insurance Company, which caused so much discussion in the press last April with respect to vacancy. This amendment, Mr. Foster points out, is being uniformly adopted by all Provinces this session, and is designed to prevent a recurrence of such a decision.

Motor Car Section.

Of the automobile insurance features, apparently the most far-reaching in significance is that which provides for "fair treatment" of purchasers of cars on the instalment plan.