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## ***Drunk Driver's First Offense Brings Six-Month Suspension***

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Premier Ferguson's election campaign promises of more rigorous handling, in the way of permit and license suspensions, of drunken automobile drivers, have reached the House in legislative form.

Hon. George S. Henry's bill to amend the Highways Traffic Act, which was given second reading yesterday, provides a suspension not exceeding six months for the first offense; not exceeding one year for the second offense, and not less than one year and not exceeding two years for the third or any subsequent offense.

At the present time the suspension is "not exceeding three months" for the first offense, and not less than three months and not exceeding six months for the second offense.

W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal Leader, expressed the opinion that a minimum penalty should be retained in the case of second offenses, and said that he would debate the matter when the bill reached committee stage in the House.

The new suspensions will become operative with Royal assent to the bill.