

# New Law Affects Everyone Who Owns Or Drives A Motor Vehicle!

A law passed by the 1957 General Assembly provides:

1. Beginning January 1, 1958, no one can buy a license for a car or truck in North Carolina without automobile liability insurance, unless \$11,000 cash or \$15,000 bond has been deposited with the Department of Motor Vehicles.
2. Beginning February 16, 1958, it will be a misdemeanor to operate an uninsured motor vehicle registered in North Carolina or permit anyone else to operate it unless cash or bond is deposited.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
RALEIGH

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Dear Motorist:

The Department of Motor Vehicles wants you to get your 1958 license plate without inconvenience and hopes you will read this letter.

Under a law passed by the 1957 General Assembly, owners must show "proof of financial responsibility" to buy 1958 license plates. This law is sometimes called the "Compulsory Insurance Law" because the easiest way for the average owner to comply with it is by having automobile insurance in force. Other ways are by depositing with the Department of Motor Vehicles a \$15,000 bond or \$11,000 in cash. The automobile liability insurance required must provide limits of at least \$5,000/\$10,000 bodily injury and \$5,000 property damage.

When you apply for a license tag, there is only one way to prove you have automobile liability insurance. That is, by a Certificate of Insurance also known as Form FS-1. You will not be able to get a license plate by showing an insurance policy or any other document except Form FS-1.

The insurance companies will mail Certificates of Insurance (Form FS-1) to their policyholders in North Carolina before January 1, 1958. If you already have liability insurance which meets the requirements of the law and do not receive Form FS-1 before January 1, get in touch with your insurance company and request that this form be sent you promptly.

If you do not now have insurance, to avoid delay in getting your license plate, you should make your own insurance arrangements immediately as it will take some time for insurance companies to process applications.

Beginning February 16, 1958, it will be a misdemeanor to operate a motor vehicle or permit anyone else to operate it without automobile liability insurance or through other means of compliance prescribed by the law.

The purpose of the law is to encourage and promote financial responsibility of owners of motor vehicles. Let's all cooperate to make the law work as intended by the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

*Edmund C. Scheidt*  
Commissioner

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## LEARN GOOD DRIVING EARLY



As a son or daughter reaches the age when obtaining an auto operator's license and driving the family car is permissible, you are faced with an educational problem. Be sure that your teenager gets the best instruction possible (the school driving course or reputable private instruction is recommended.) Proper attitude, a sense of responsibility and judgement go along hand in hand with driver training. See to it that your son or daughter appreciates the responsibility that goes with the privilege of operating a car.

## SLOW DOWN AND LIVE!