

Third Of Drivers In Accidents Can't Meet Responsibility Test

RALEIGH - Acting under the pending the case is dropped. legal provisions of the Safety
Besponsibility Law the Motor Ve
licles Department has withdrawn the driving privileges of
11,539 Tar Heel motorists so far

sulting in death, injury or property damage in excess of \$100 must show proof of financial re-sponse litty. Vehicles Commis-sioner Edward Scheidt said approximately a third of the drivers involved in accidents throuth November did not have adequate liability insurance.

Several options are offered motorists involved in mishaps ance protects the other driver Scheidt said in an effort to make clearer the provisions of the law.

If he is not protected by adequate liability insurance he may make a cash deposit up to a maximum of \$11,000, secure a release from liability, or if within one year no court action is er's venicle.

The Safety Responsibility Law was effective January 1, 1954. It is designed to afford greater protection for motorists innocently involved in accidents caused by negligent driving.

The other third are notified their The law specifies that motor. license is subject to suspension lets involved in accidents re. unless a satisfactory settlement is made.

Approximately 800 drivers month do not comply and their license is suspended.

There has been some confusion as to what type insurance is adequate to comply with the safety responsibility law. Scheidt explained it by saying

that automobile liability insur. and his property and collision insurance protects only the owner's vehicle.

Social Security Director Explains Disability Freeze this advantage to members of the labor force of the nation who,

Social Security Act, there is a came disabled seriously enough special provision for those per. to keep them from substantial, sons who are unable to work for gainful work. The disability a long period of time because of must be medically determinatotal disability. Joseph P. Walsh, ble, and it must have lasted at district manager of the Gastonia least six months before a period Social Security office says 'that of disability can be established. this provision, known as a disa-bility "freeze," does not involve disabled worker who is not yet

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65, but is a means of protecting his old-age and survivors insurance rights during periods of prolonged serious disability.

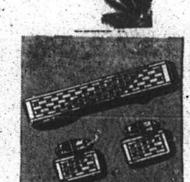
The disability "freeze" offers after contributing actively in employment or self-employment In the new amendments to the covered by social security, be-

The "freeze" will act to exclude the period of disability the payment of benefits to the from the worker's social security record. In this way he will not ose his insured status or have his average monthly wage on which his future benefits will be based reduced because of his years of no earnings due to disability. However, there are no-old-age or survivors insurance payments to the disabled worker or his family BEFORE the disabled worker becomes 65 or dies.

For those persons already receiving their retirement bene-fits, the disability "freeze" may be helpful, too. If the retired person is still disabled and can prove that his disability has existed from a time prior to his re-tirement, he may have his ben-efit amount refigured with the period of disability left out, and in this way receive higher ben-efits. The period of disability, however, cannot begin after age 65. And if a disabled person dies before filing for the establishment of a period of disability, the benefits payable to his survivors must be figured without the advantage of the disability "freeze."

Mr. Walsh pointed out that an application for a disability reeze, under the law cannot be freeze, under the law cannot be filed before January 1, 1955. In order to be eligible for a disabil-ity freeze, a person must meet the following requirements. He must have worked in employ-ment or self-employment under the social security program for five out of the ten years right before the disability. In addition-one and a half of the five years must have been during the three years immediately before his disability began. When he has





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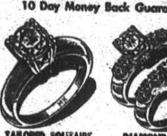
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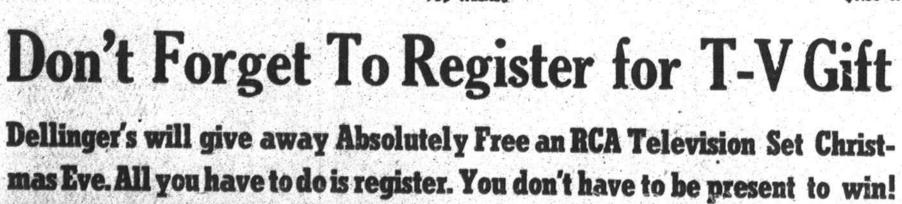
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