

# Drivers Responsibility Law Will Go In Effect July 1, With Strict Rules To Be Followed For Keeping License

### New Safety Act Is Explained In Question And Answer Type Review

An important measure of the highway safety program passed by the 1947 General Assembly was the motor vehicle safety and responsibility act which was endorsed by the Carolina Motor Club. Coleman W. Roberts, club president, has had this progressive legislation condensed into a series of questions and answers to help the motorists of North Carolina fully understand the bill.

Governor R. Gregg Cherry, in his address to members of the General Assembly in January, called for action in "removing the irresponsible driver from driving on the highways. Endangering life and limb by careless and reckless driving by those who are not financially responsible for the damage they cause innocent people makes it necessary for the legislature to afford some protection in the form of a drivers' responsibility law. Thus the General Assembly in en-

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acting this far-reaching legislation was concurring with Governor Cherry's proposals.

Mr. Roberts believes that the following questions and answers concerning this bill will do much to clear up some of its details for motorists, who have not had time to study this measure closely.

Questions and Answers  
1. Question: When does this act go into effect?  
Answer: July 1, 1947.  
2. Question: What are the pur-

poses of this act?  
Answer: The purposes of this act are to promote greater safety in the operation of motor vehicles in this state and to require financial responsibility of reckless, inefficient and irresponsible operators of motor vehicles.

3. Question: Does this bill require that automobile liability insurance be carried?  
Answer: No; the bill does not require this insurance be carried but by carrying insurance one protects against any penalties of the act.

4. Question: If a person never had an accident and was never arrested, does this act have any penalties?  
Answer: No.

5. Question: How may proof of financial responsibility be furnished?  
Answer: (1) If an individual has automobile liability insurance he can meet the financial responsibility requirements of the act.

(2) If he does not have insurance he may post with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles cash, securities or real estate in such amounts as the commissioner may decide, subject to a limit of \$11,000.

6. Question: What provisions contained in this act bring owners and operators of motor vehicles under the act?  
Answer: (1) Section 7 provides any person whose operator's or chauffeur's license has been revoked or suspended under the provisions of the Uniform Driver's License Act, shall not be entitled to have his license reinstated until he has given and thereafter maintains proof of his financial responsibility.

(2) Any person convicted of and any person forfeiting bond in connection with any offenses set forth below shall have his license revoked for at least one year and shall not be reinstated until such person gives and thereafter maintains proof of financial responsibility.

1. Manslaughter or negligent homicide resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle.

2. Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.

3. Any felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used.

4. Failure to stop and render aid as required under the laws of this state in the event of a motor vehicle accident.

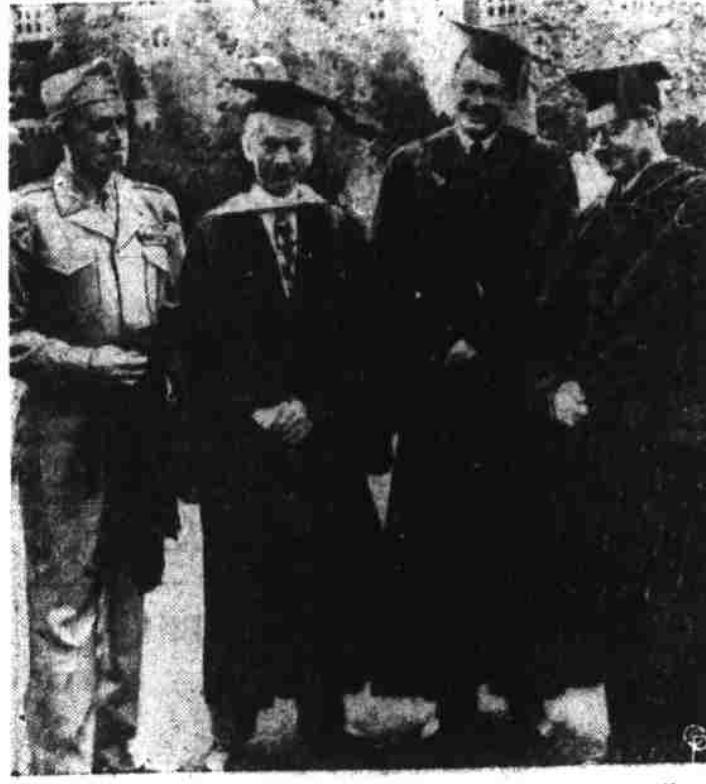
5. Perjury or the making of a false affidavit or statement under oath to the department under this article or under any other law relating to the ownership of motor vehicles.

6. Conviction or forfeitures of bail not vacated upon two charges of reckless driving committed within a period of 12 months.

7. Conviction or forfeiture of bail not vacated upon on charge of reckless driving while engaged in the illegal transportation of intoxicants for the purpose of sale.

(3) Any person who has been legally adjudged insane, or a congenital idiot, an imbecile, an epileptic or feeble-minded, or who has been committed to or has entered an institution as an inebriate or a habitual user of narcotic drugs, shall have his license and regis-

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AT THE 178TH COMMENCEMENT exercises at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., three distinguished guests were awarded honorary degrees by J. Sloan Dickey, the school's president. Shown are (l. to r.): Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Administrator of Veteran Affairs; Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal; J. Sloan Dickey, and Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson of the U. S. Supreme Court. (International Soundphoto)

tration revoked, and that such person's license and registration shall not be returned unless the commissioner is satisfied that he is competent to operate a motor vehicle and only then if he gives and thereafter maintains proof of his financial responsibility.

(4) That the commissioner shall suspend the operator's or chauffeur's license and all of the registration certificates and registration plates issued to any person who has failed for a period of 60 days to satisfy any judgment for more than \$50 for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including loss of its use, or any judgment for damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person arising out of the ownership, use or operation of any motor vehicle.

(5) An undisciplined person involved in a motor vehicle, in which it should be determined that he was at fault, involving damages in excess of \$50 must show and thereafter maintain proof of financial responsibility before obtaining a license.

7. Question: Does owner have to show proof of financial responsibility if judgment is paid within the 60-day period?  
Answer: No. The Act does not affect a person who satisfies a judgment within the 60-day period set forth in the act.

8. Question: If licenses have been revoked due to an unpaid judgment, what steps may be taken to have them reinstated?  
Answer: (1) By satisfaction of judgment in full.

(2) By obtaining a court order allowing the judgment to be paid in installments and giving proof of future financial responsibility.

(3) If the person to whom the judgment is payable consents in writing that the other party be allowed reinstatement of licenses and providing the party owing the judgment furnishes future proof of financial responsibility.

9. Question: How does knowledge of an unpaid judgment reach the commissioner of motor vehicles?  
Answer: The clerk of the court, when it has no clerk, must forward within 15 days, a certified copy of any conviction, forfeiture of bail or judgment which has not been paid as provided for by this act.

10. Question: If a judgment is rendered against an individual growing out of an automobile accident and he makes no effort to make payment, will he ever be able to drive an automobile again?  
Answer: No, he will never be able to obtain a driver's license again.

11. Question: May a person remove a judgment by bankruptcy?  
Answer: A discharge in bankruptcy shall not relieve the individual from any requirements of this act.

12. Question: May the commis-

## EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

"We don't want pity and sympathy, we only want honorable means to earn our livelihood and to be accepted for what we are and what we can do," declared a blind veteran in one of the most moving addresses I have ever heard. He was addressing a civic club convention to which he was a delegate as president of his local club. His ability to overcome his handicap, and reach the important post of president of his club was a tribute to ability and determination.



He made a moving plea for the disabled and handicapped. He said that one out of every five persons in the United States was either disabled or handicapped; that one out of seven needed rehabilitation; that one out of eight had a disability which was more or less permanent. There are now 85,000 disabled civilians and 228,000 disabled veterans in the United States available for reemployment. Of these, he said 100,000 disabled veterans are now under training.

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