

New Auto Accident Law in Effect August 2

A concise explanation of the purposes and requirements of Oregon's new Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law which is of immediate interest and importance to all motorists was made public today by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

"I hope all Oregon motorists will clip this article, read it over several times, and preserve it for future reference," Secretary Newbry said. "It contains about all of the information an average motorist is likely to need, except in unusual circumstances. We have studiously avoided technical and legal language, so that everyone may have an accurate

understanding of this important and necessary law.

Here are the facts about the new law in question and answer form:

What Is the Safety Responsibility Law?

It is an Act of the Legislature to protect everyone in Oregon against financially irresponsible owners or operators of motor vehicles who become involved in accidents. It also promotes street and highway safety by facilitating the state's ability to remove habitual accident causers from behind the wheel. This law replaces the present Financial Responsibility Law.

When Does It Become Effective?

It becomes effective on August 2, and on the same day repeal of the present Financial Law takes effect.

Whom Does It Affect?

It affects all motor vehicle owners and operators, including non-resident, (except vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Oregon or its political subdivisions, or any municipality therein), when they become involved in an accident resulting in death, injury or property damage.

What Must You Do After an Accident?

Within 24 hours after a motor vehicle accident resulting in death, injury or property damage, the operator of every car involved must file written report with the secretary of state. Official forms for this purpose may be obtained from any regional office of the Secretary of state any sheriff's office, any police station, or from the secretary of state. Reports may be filed with any of the foregoing or sent direct to the secretary of state in Salem.

Remember these requirements: You must report the accident regardless of who is to blame. If the operator of a car is physically incapable of reporting and is not the owner of the motor vehicle, then the owner must file the report within 24 hours after learning of the accident. Failure to report is punishable by a fine up to \$100. The secretary of state may also suspend any license of any driver and the registration of all vehicles registered in the name of an owner who wilfully fails, refuses or neglects to make a report of an accident.

Can You Lose Your Motoring Privileges?

Yes, both your driving license and ownership registration can be suspended very quickly under this law.

Within 50 days after an accident in which a person has been killed or even slightly injured, or property damage to any one person, including yourself, exceeds \$100, you may furnish the secretary of state with satisfactory evidence that you have done any one of the following things:

Obtained a release from liability signed by the other parties to the accident.

Obtained a final court judgment declaring you to be not liable.

Executed a duly acknowledged written agreement providing for the payment of all claims resulting from the accident, not exceeding a total of \$11,000.

Deposited with the secretary of

state sufficient cash to pay damage claims resulting from the accident, as determined by the secretary, but not to exceed \$5,000 for death or injury to one person, \$10,000 for death or injury to more than one person, and \$1,000 property damage.

Should you fail to do one of these things within 50 days, 10 days thereafter the secretary of state must suspend both your driving license and ownership registration. Such suspension will remain in force until you have met one of the above requirements. In addition, you must furnish proof of future financial responsibility for a period of three years, regardless of whether you met one of these requirements before suspension. This is known as the security section of the law. It does not apply, however, if your car was lawfully parked or was being driven without your consent at the time of the accident.

How Can You Protect Yourself?

The law provides several ways. If you filed your accident report and had in effect at the time of the accident some form of liability insurance or bond which covers damage claims up to a total of \$11,000 the security section of the law does not apply to you at all. Remember, however, that such insurance or bond must be in effect at the time of the accident and provide the following minimum coverage: \$1,000 for property damage, \$50,000 for death or injuries sustained by one person, and \$10,000 for death or injuries sustained by more than one person in one accident.

In the case of owners or operators residing in Oregon, the insurance must be written by a company licensed to do business in this state. In the case of non-residents, it may be written by a company licensed to business in the state where they reside. Owners of more than 25 motor vehicles may qualify as self-insurers. Provision for furnishing the secretary of state with information that you carried insurance at the time of the accident is included in your accident report. Be sure to answer all questions accurately and fully, and thus avoid suspension of your motoring privileges by mistake.

In Conclusion

This statement is made public primarily to acquaint private passenger car owners and operators with the principal provisions of the new laws that are most likely to affect them. It does not purport to set forth all statutory provisions or to discuss any of them in legal detail. Owners or operators who desire complete statutory information may obtain a copy of the law from the secretary of state.

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wandered away while playing. Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Negrete and son; Mrs. Sotera Villoreal; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Loverin and son and Mr. and Mrs. David Villoreal and daughter all of Los Angeles left for their homes last week after visiting at the Mabel Davidson home.

Those from here winning prizes at the Hodge opening last

week were Mrs. LaVerne Hams and Tony Bertone.

Little Jerry Davidson, son of George Davidson, cut his thumb quite badly last week. He was taken to a physician for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobyns left for Portland again Monday morning. They just returned last week.

Janice and Arthur Crawford of Helix are visiting their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wate Crawford.

George Ely is visiting his son, Francis in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and family of Maupin were guests of his brother, Fredrick Martin last week.

Mrs. George Krebs of Portland was an Ione visitor last week. She and Mr. Krebs have been visiting their son, Marion, at Cecil and their daughter, Mrs. Donald Evans of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett attended the Assemblies of God of Oregon camp meeting at Brooks last week. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Aune of Seattle also attended and visited here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shirley of The Dalles spent the week end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. Shirley, who returned to The Dalles with them for a few days where the Rev. Shirley went for a medical check-up.

Delbert Emert purchased a four-wheeled show cart for his daughter, Mary, which has drawn much attention around here. Mary and Sue and Anna Belle Coleman have trained a horse to pull the cart.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 20—H. E. C. Willows grange at the grange hall.

July 21—Willows grange meeting at 8 p.m.

July 27—Three Links club at Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn's home.

The American Legion Juniors of Heppner defeated Athena in a baseball game here Sunday.

Ione softball team lost to Rosewall's in Heppner Sunday.

Harvest is in full swing here with a good yield in wheat.

Mrs. Ada Emert and daughter, Alfreda, left for their home in Tennessee Monday after visiting at the home of Mrs. Mary Emert.

W. McCoy and daughter, Carol, of Yakima, Washington are working at the Stefani ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepson and Dorothy Dobyns spent the week end in Pendleton at the C. L. Lieuallen home.

Mr. and Mr. Frank Ellis of Vale are the parent of a son, Danny Scott, weighing 8 lbs., born July 10. Mr. Ellis is the 7th and 8th grade teacher here.

Tom Davidson and daughter, Treva, returned recently to their home in Los Angeles. Mrs. Davidson is helping cook at the Lloyd Morgan ranch. Her daughter Joyce is with her and her son, Tommy is working in harvest at the John Eubanks ranch.

Miss Doris Lay of Enterprise is visiting at the Marjory Doherty and the Victor Rietmann homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Porter and family of Ordnance spent Sunday with Mrs. Leona Jackson and Mrs. Doris Gollyhorn.

At a special school meeting July 12 it was voted to put \$1,000

in the special improvement fund. Mrs. Victor Rietmann is spending a few days in Portland.

The road up the Rietmann grade is being re-surfaced. Mrs. C. E. Brenner is spending a few days in Portland.

Mrs. Vela Eubanks of Portland is helping cook at the Charles Carlson ranch.

Fred Ely has been visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lester Hoak in Bremerton, Washington.


Mr. and Mrs. Ed Buschke and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buschke and son visited at the Mrs. Anna Ek-leberry home in Hermiston Sunday.

Miss Shirley Klusmeyer and Miss Beverly Bleck of Chicago are visiting at the G. Hermann home.



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Law
Goes Into Effect August 2**

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is
IN EFFECT!**

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44 States, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and eight Canadian provinces have financial responsibility laws which, upon occasion, require motorists to prove they can pay for accidents they cause within certain limits, or their driver's licenses will be suspended.

WHY WERE THESE LAWS ENACTED?

To promote safety and to strike hard at reckless and irresponsible drivers by making them financially responsible to innocent victims of accidents for the good of the public generally and particularly for the benefit of the safe, careful and responsible driver and pedestrian.

\$5,000, \$10,000 Bodily Injury and \$5,000 Property Damage Liability . . . the coverage you should have to file as security and to prove financial responsibility under Oregon's New Financial Responsibility Law, at current rates costs only—

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