

Many New Traffic Laws Passed by Legislature Soon To Be in Effect

Editor's note: With the many new changes in motor vehicle laws, The Enterprise feels it will be of public service to publish these changes. They should be read and observed because they are vital to your driving manners.

Oregon's more than 1,000,000 drivers soon will be faced with several new traffic laws to obey including a stricter penalty for one violation, and some new and revised obligations concerning auto insurance coverage in an accident.

Although many law changes made by the 1967 Legislature take effect September 13, others become effective at varying times during the next year, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

One change is still nearly a year off. This change will increase the minimum financial responsibility requirements for bodily injury liability and uninsured motorists coverage from \$5,000/\$10,000 to \$10,000/\$20,000. The change will take effect July 1, 1968. To the average car owner it may mean a \$6 to \$10 increase in private insurance rates.

Another law relating to financial responsibility will take effect on September 13 this year. It will require a driver without insurance, who has a traffic accident and who must file a certificate of insurance as a proof of financial responsibility, to file a statement of ownership showing that the certificate covers all vehicles registered in his name, not just the one in the accident.

Among the new laws which will affect over-the-road operation of cars is a vehicle inspection law which permits police to stop vehicles for a safety inspection on reasonable grounds.

For example, a car with one headlight broken, a cracked windshield, or a generally run down appearance, or one which has trouble stopping, could be sufficient cause (reasonable grounds) for an officer to stop it for a spot inspection of all required equipment.

Slow moving vehicles also received legislative attention this year. One law will require slow-moving vehicles

on two-lane roads to pull over and permit faster moving traffic to pass. Also, when traveling outside of cities on four-lane highways, vehicles must keep in the right lane unless travelling faster than or passing other traffic. This is aimed at putting an end to two vehicles travelling side-by-side down the freeway, holding back other traffic.

As a general rule, you probably will be considered a slow-moving vehicle any time you travel slower than the normal flow of traffic and cause a string of cars to form behind you. When this happens, it's time to pull over and let faster traffic around at the first safe spot to do so.

Bicycles, parades, and pedestrians are the subject of another law that takes effect next month. This law will make it possible to restrict them from freeways when appropriate signs are posted giving notice to that effect. Pedestrians, however, will be permitted when it is necessary for them to walk on the shoulder to obtain emergency service for a disabled vehicle.

Motorcycles, which in recent years have become a bigger part of the state's motorized population, also received attention this year.

The 1967 action requires a motorcycle to use its headlights at any time it is in motion. This takes effect September 13. In January, still another law aimed at motorcycle drivers and passengers will take effect. It will require them to wear a helmet which meets standards established by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Also scheduled to take effect January 1, 1968, is another law dealing with slow moving traffic. It will not permit vehicles designed to go 25 mph or less (tractors, for example) to operate on state highways without displaying a slow moving vehicles emblem which by day is fluorescent orange and by night shows a reflective red border. The sign has a triangular shape. The requirement for this emblem is in addition to any lighting required by law.

Another law taking effect next month increases the penalty for a driver who is convicted of driving on a suspended driver's license. The penalty currently is a maximum \$500 fine, or six months in jail, or both. It will double next month \$1000 fine, one year in jail, or both. This charge already carries a minimum stipulation of two days in jail, upon conviction.

The revised law also requires impounding a vehicle owned by a person convicted on this charge. The vehicle can be impounded from 30 to 120 days from the date of judgment and the person is liable for all expenses incurred for the removal and storage. The aim of this measure is to reduce the number

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ROUND-UP ROYALTY—The 1967 Pendleton Round-Up Queen and court will reign over the four-day annual event September 13-16. From left, Princesses JoAnne Price, Milton-Freewater and Jacklyn Bronu, Pendleton; Queen Susan Olsen of Pendleton; Princess-

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of people who drive while suspended.

Still another new law will permit a driver to attempt to partially regain his driving privilege when his license has been suspended after conviction of driving under the influence of liquor or attempting to elude a police officer. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue an occupational license only for work to persons convicted of these charges, providing it is the first offense, the convicting judge makes the recommendation, and the Department agrees with the judge's recommendation.

The Governor has directed the DMV to use extreme discretion in issuing these work licenses and to prepare a report on the impact of the law prior to the next legislative session.

The law is aimed at reducing the number of drunk driving charges which are reduced to reckless driving because of court hesitancy to convict on a first offense when it results in a mandatory 90-day license loss. This loss often jeopardizes employment.

Changes also were made in laws concerning registration and titling of vehicles.

It should now become easier for the DMV to keep records current with a new requirement that registered owners must provide the Department with any change of address or name different than that which appears on the registration card. The notice must be filed within 30 days.

New owners also will be given more time, an increase from 10 to 30 days, in which to file a title transfer with the Department when they purchase a car.

Finally, one new law already has taken effect and was legal for 1½ months before it became temporarily against the law again. Confused? It's the law authorizing studded tires between October 1 and May 31. Since the law bore an emergency clause it took effect when the Governor signed it on April 19, but use of the tires became illegal again (and unnecessary) June 1.

Hopefully, the studded tires will become legal, but

not really necessary in most of Oregon, the first day of October.

LYONS

By Eva Bressler

Mrs. Claude Huffman of Lyons, who is employed at Santiam Memorial hospital in Stayton was among those attending the hospital annual picnic held at the park near Scio, Sunday. Mrs. Jim Lande was awarded a prize for having the largest family present; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dotter were honored on their 41st wedding anniversary and Mrs. Eileen Fery won the prize for guessing the amount of beans in a jar. There were 1949 beans and she guessed 1942. Lyle Bodkin won the grand prize. Playing of bingo furnished entertainment for the afternoon.

Mrs. Eulalia Lyons spent several days last week in Salem at the home of her sister, Mrs. Roxie Trask.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Julian returned home the last of the week from a trip into Canada. They went through Banff, Tunnel Mountain Park, Glacier Park, Jasper, and other points of interest.

George Neal, an employee of Simpson, has gone to Toledo where he will work for Georgia Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Julian were in Eugene Sunday at the home of their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Julian Jr. and son. The occasion honored the first birthday anniversary of their grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and Brenda left Thursday evening for Boulder Creek, Calif., to attend the wedding of their son, Frank, and Miss Judy May Tudson held Saturday, August 12.

Spending several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spellmeyer were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Baker and children, Karen and Kent from Elm Creek, Neb. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Spellmeyer and Jody from Silverton.

Mrs. Hazel Lewis and daughters, Lucille and Beulah enjoyed trip going south as far as Crescent City, Calif., where they visited friends. They went through the redwoods and returned the coastal route.

Bruce Slayden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Slayden enlisted in the Navy July 24 and is taking his boot training at San Diego.

Olin Spiva is now convalescing at home following a short illness.

Walter Olmstead of Estacada spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olmstead.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and two children from Hayward, Calif., are spending this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Gunn. Their son, Gary, who has spent some time with his grandparents will return home with them.

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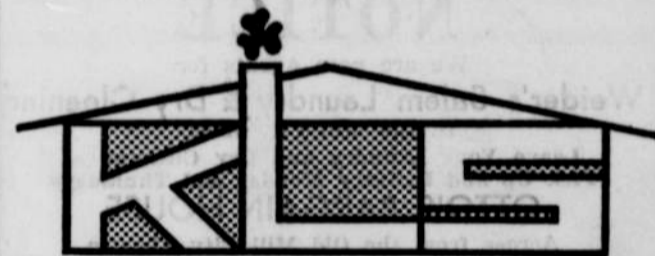
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