

CHAPTER 252.

[S. B. 376.]

LAW SCHOOL CREDIT FOR VETERANS.

AN ACT providing for credits on a law course of studies by reason of service in the armed forces of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Any person who has served in any branch of the armed forces of the United States and who is enrolled or who hereafter enrolls as a student in any law school in the State of Washington, shall be given credit for two school quarters of work on his law course, by reason of such service, toward his law degree: *Provided*, That such service shall have been for a period of at least one year prior to September 1, 1945.

Credit given for service in armed forces.

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CHAPTER 253.

[S. B. 308.]

PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION BY MOTOR VEHICLE.

AN ACT relating to passenger transportation by motor vehicle; prescribing penalties for violation; and repealing chapter 57, Laws of 1915, as amended by chapter 161, Laws of 1927; chapter 27, Laws of 1929, and chapter 73, Laws of 1933 (secs. 6382-101, 6383 to 6386, incl., Rem. Rev. Stat.; secs. 282-19 to 282-27, incl., PPC).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. When used in this act: (a) the term "for hire vehicle" includes all vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for compensation, except auto stages, victory vehicles, or school busses operating exclusively under a contract to a school

"For hire vehicle."

"For hire operator."

district; (b) the term "for hire operator" means and includes any person, concern or entity engaged in the transportation of passengers for compensation in for hire vehicles.

Application for permit.

SEC. 2. No for hire operator shall cause operation of a for hire vehicle upon any highway of this state without first obtaining a permit from the Director of Licenses. Application for a permit shall be made on forms provided by the Director of Licenses and shall include (a) the name and address of the owner or owners, and if a corporation, the names and addresses of the principal officers thereof; (b) city, town or locality in which any vehicle will be operated; (c) name and motor number of any vehicle to be operated; (d) the endorsement of a city official authorizing an operator under a law or ordinance requiring a license; and (e) such other information as the Director of Licenses may require.

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Fee for permit.

SEC. 3. Application for a permit shall be forwarded to the Director of Licenses with a fee of five dollars (\$5). Upon receipt of such application and fee, the Director shall, if such application be in proper form, issue a permit authorizing the applicant to operate for hire vehicles upon the highways of this state until such owner ceases to do business as such, or until the permit is suspended or revoked.

Display of permit.

Such permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the principal place of business of the owner:

Proviso.

Provided, That all for hire operators who have qualified as such under the provisions of chapter 57, Laws of 1915, shall be issued a permit without the payment of the permit fee, but will be required to pay the certificate fee as herein provided.

Bond requirement.

SEC. 4. Before a permit is issued every for hire operator shall be required to deposit and thereafter keep on file with the Director of Licenses of the State of Washington a surety bond running to the

State of Washington covering each and every for hire vehicle as may be owned or leased by him and used in the conduct of his business as a for hire operator. Such bond shall be in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any recovery for death or personal injury by one person, and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for all persons killed or receiving personal injury by reason of one act of negligence, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for damage to property of any person other than the assured, with a good and sufficient surety company licensed to do business in this state as surety and to be approved by the Director of Licenses of the State of Washington, conditioned for the faithful compliance by the principal of said bond with the provisions of this act, and to pay all damages which may be sustained by any person injured by reason of any careless negligence or unlawful act on the part of said principal, his agents or employees in the conduct of said business or in the operation of any motor propelled vehicle used in transporting passengers for compensation on any public highway of this state.

Personal
injury.

Property
damage.

Approval
of bond.

SEC. 5. In lieu of the surety bond as provided in this act, there may be deposited and kept on file and in force with the Director of Licenses a public liability insurance policy covering each and every motor vehicle operated or intended to be so operated, executed by an insurance company licensed and authorized to write such insurance policies in the State of Washington, assuring the applicant for a permit against property damage and personal liability to the public, with the premiums paid and payment noted thereon. Said policy of insurance shall provide a minimum coverage equal and identical to the coverage required by the aforesaid surety bond. No provisions of this act shall be construed to limit the right of any injured person to any pri-

Deposit of
policy in lieu
of bond.

vate right of action against a for hire operator as herein defined.

SEC. 6. Every person having a cause of action for damages against any person, firm, or corporation receiving a permit under the provisions of this act, for injury, damages or wrongful death caused by any careless, negligent or unlawful act of any such person, firm, or corporation or his, their, or its agents or employees in conducting or carrying on said business or in operating any motor propelled vehicle for the carrying and transporting of passengers over and along any public street, road or highway shall have a cause of action against the principal and surety upon the bond or the insurance company and the insured for all damages sustained, and in any such action the full amount of damages sustained may be recovered against the principal, but the recovery against the surety shall be limited to the amount of the bond.

Cause of action against surety or insurance company.

Certificate.

SEC. 7. The Director of Licenses shall approve and file all bonds and policies of insurance. The Director of Licenses shall, upon receipt of fees and after approving the bond or policy, furnish the owner with an appropriate certificate which must be carried in a conspicuous place in the vehicle at all times during for hire operation. A for hire operator shall secure a certificate for each for hire vehicle operated and pay therefor a fee of one dollar (\$1) for each vehicle so registered. Such permit or certificate shall expire on June 30 of each year, and may be annually renewed upon payment of a fee of one dollar (\$1).

Fee.

New certificate upon substitution of policy or bond.

SEC. 8. In the event the owner substitutes a policy or bond after a for hire certificate has been issued, a new certificate shall be issued to the owner. The owner shall submit the substituted bond or policy to the Director of Licenses for approval,

together with a fee of one dollar (\$1). If the Director approves the substituted policy or bond, a new certificate shall be issued. In the event any certificate has been lost, destroyed or stolen, a duplicate thereof may be obtained by filing an affidavit of loss and paying a fee of fifty cents (50¢).

Fee.

Lost or stolen certificate.

SEC. 9. The Director of Licenses may refuse to issue a permit or certificate, or he may suspend or revoke a permit or certificate if he has good reason to believe that one of the following is true of the operator or the applicant for a permit or certificate: (1) He has been convicted of an offense of such a nature as to indicate that he is unfit to hold a certificate or permit; (2) he is guilty of committing two or more offenses for which mandatory revocation of driver's license is provided by law; (3) he has been convicted of manslaughter resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle or convicted of negligent homicide; (4) intemperate or addicted to the use of narcotics.

Grounds for suspension or revocation of certificate or permit.

Notice of the Director to refuse, suspend or revoke such permit or certificate shall be given by registered mail to the holder or applicant for such permit or certificate and shall designate a time and place for hearing before the Director of Licenses, which shall not be less than ten days from the date of such notice. Should the Director, after such hearing, decide that a permit shall be cancelled or revoked, he shall notify said holder or applicant to that effect by registered mail. The applicant or permit holder may within thirty (30) days from the date of the decision appeal to the Superior Court of Thurston County for a review of such decision by filing a copy of said notice with the Clerk of said Superior Court and a copy of such notice in the office of the Director of Licenses. The Court shall set the matter down for hearing with the least possible delay.

Notice and hearing.

Appeals.

Penalty for operating without compliance.

Any for hire operator as herein defined who shall operate a for hire vehicle as herein defined without first having filed a bond or insurance policy and having received a for hire permit and a for hire certificate as required by this act shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days or a fine of not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or both fine and imprisonment.

Fees deposited in Highway Safety Fund.

SEC. 10. All fees received by the Director of Licenses under the provisions of this act shall be transmitted by him, together with a proper identifying report, to the State Treasurer to be deposited by the State Treasurer in the Highway Safety Fund.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 11. The Director of Licenses is empowered to make and enforce such rules and regulations as may be consistent with and necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Repeals.

SEC. 12. Chapter 57, Laws of 1915, as amended by chapter 161, Laws of 1927; chapter 27, Laws of 1929, and chapter 73, Laws of 1933 (secs. 6382-101, 6383 to 6386, incl., Rem. Rev. Stat.; secs. 282-19 to 282-27 incl. PPC) are hereby repealed.

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