

CHAPTER 268.

[H. B. 444.]

MOTOR VEHICLES—OCCUPATIONAL OPERATOR'S LICENSE.

An Act relating to motor vehicle operator's licenses; adding four new sections to chapter 188, Laws of 1937 and to chapter 46.20 RCW; and providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 188, Laws of 1937 and to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

No person shall file a petition for an occupational operator's license as provided in section 2 of this act unless he shall first pay to the director of licenses or other person authorized to accept applications and fees for operator's licenses a fee of ten dollars. The applicant shall receive upon payment an official receipt for the payment of such fee. All such fees shall be forwarded to the director who shall transmit such fees to the state treasurer in the same manner as other operator's license fees.

Fee prerequisite to occupational operator's license petition.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 188, Laws of 1937 and to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

Any person who has had or may have his operator's license suspended or revoked because he has been convicted of any first offense relating to motor vehicles, other than negligent homicide or manslaughter, and, if such person is engaged in an occupation or trade making it essential that he operate a motor vehicle, such person may file with the sentencing judge of a court of record, justice court, or municipal court having criminal jurisdiction in the county where such offense occurred a verified petition, together with the receipt for the fee paid, setting forth in detail his need for operating a motor

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vehicle. Thereupon, if the petitioner has not been convicted of any such offense within one year immediately preceding the present conviction, which offense in the opinion of the judge is not of such a nature as to preclude the granting of the petition, the sentencing judge may order the director of licenses to issue an occupational operator's license to such person. A certified copy of the petition together with the order for the license shall be mailed to the director. When the order is issued by such judge, a certified copy thereof shall be given to the petitioner which copy shall serve as a temporary occupational operator's license until the petitioner receives the license issued by the director.

An occupational operator's license shall permit the operation of a motor vehicle not to exceed twelve hours per day and then only when such operation is an essential part of the licensee's occupation or trade. Such license shall be issued for a period of not more than one year.

The order for issuance of an occupational operator's license shall contain definite restrictions as to hours of the day, type of occupation, areas or routes of travel to be permitted under such license and such other conditions as the judge granting the same deems appropriate and that satisfactory proof of financial responsibility has been filed as provided in chapters 46.24 and 46.28 RCW.

If such licensee is convicted for operating a motor vehicle in violation of his restrictions, or of a traffic violation which in the opinion of the director is such as would warrant suspension or revocation of such license, or if the sentencing judge does not, upon the facts, see fit to permit such person to retain his license, the director shall, upon receipt of notice thereof, revoke such license. Such revocation shall be effective as of the date of such violation, conviction or withdrawal order, and it shall continue with

the same force and effect as other revocations under this title.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 188, Laws of 1937 and to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

If an occupational operator's license is issued and is not revoked during the period for which issued the licensee may obtain a new operator's license at the end of such period, but no new operator's permit shall be issued to such person until he surrenders his occupational operator's license and his copy of the order and the director is satisfied that he complies with all other provisions of law relative to the issuance of an operator's license. Prerequisites to obtain operator's license upon expiration of occupational license.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 188, Laws of 1937 and to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Any person convicted for violation of any restriction of an occupational operator's license shall in addition to the immediate revocation of such license and any other penalties provided by law be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months or both such fine and imprisonment. Violations under occupational license —Penalty.

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