

CHAPTER 73.

[H. B. 94.]

CARRIERS FOR HIRE: LICENSE AND BOND.

AN ACT relating to and providing for the regulation of common carriers of passengers upon public streets, roads and highways; providing for the issuance of permits and the furnishing of bonds in connection therewith; and amending section 2 of chapter 57 of the Laws of 1915.

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

SECTION 1. That section 2 of chapter 57 of the Laws of 1915 (section 6383 of Remington's Compiled Statutes) be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Every person, firm or corporation other than a steam, street or interurban railway company, desiring to engage in the business of carrying or transporting passengers for hire in any motor propelled vehicle over or along any public street, road or highway in any city of the first class and every street or interurban railway or other transportation company desiring to engage in the business of transporting passengers for hire in any motor propelled vehicle except street cars, shall apply to the director of licenses for a permit so to do, and such applicant for each motor vehicle intended to be so operated shall deposit and keep on file with the director of licenses a surety bond running to the State of Washington covering each motor vehicle used or to be used as above provided in the sum of \$1000 for any recovery for death or personal injury by one person, and \$5000 for all persons killed or receiving personal injury by reason of one act of negligence, and \$1000 for damage to property of any person other than the assured, with good and sufficient surety company licensed to do business in this state as surety to be approved by the director of licenses, conditioned

Amends § 2,
ch. 57, Laws
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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, negligent 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 hire over or along any public street, road or highway, and shall pay to the director of licenses a fee of five dollars and thereupon such licenses shall be issued to the applicant. In lieu of a surety bond as above provided, there may be deposited and kept on file with the director of licenses for each motor vehicle intended to be so operated a public liability insurance policy executed by an insurance company licensed and authorized to write such insurance policies in the State of Washington, assuring the applicant for a permit herein referred to, 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 said surety bond. No provision of this act shall be construed to limit the right of any injured person to any private right of action against said defendant person, company or corporation.

Fee.

Liability
insurance
policy.

Passed the House February 17, 1933.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1933.

Approved by the Governor March 8, 1933.