

Bill No. 88 of 1936.

A BILL TO AMEND THE VEHICLES AND HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC ACT, 1924.

NOTE.

This Bill provides for the expiration of drivers' licenses on the first day of April, 1936, and in every subsequent year on the thirty-first day of March following the date of issue.

It also provides that the period of registration for any motor vehicle which is made in the year 1937 on or before the thirty-first day of March, 1937, shall terminate on that date, and thereafter the period of registration shall be from the first day of April until the ensuing first day of March, both days inclusive.

The Minister is empowered to require an applicant for a driver's or chauffeur's license to submit himself to examination, and to refuse a license to a person who does not satisfy him by examination as to his fitness.

Provision is made for the suspension and cancellation of a driver's or chauffeur's license upon the conviction of a holder for an offence under the Act.

A new provision is inserted in the Act requiring the operator of a vehicle transporting gasoline otherwise than in the tank or container of a motor vehicle to bring his vehicle to a stop at a level railway crossing.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill and is offered merely as a partial explanation of some of its provisions.)

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No. 88 of 1936.

An Act to amend The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act,
1924.

(Assented to _____, 1936.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act, 1924, Amendment Act, 1936.*"

2. *The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act, 1924*, being chapter 31 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1924, is hereby amended as to section 2*a* thereof by striking out the word "dealer's", where the same occurs in subsection (1) thereof.

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 2*b* thereof by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

"**2b.** The Minister may,—

"(a) refuse to issue a driver's or chauffeur's license to any person unless he is satisfied by examination or otherwise of the physical and other competency of the applicant to drive a motor vehicle without endangering the safety of the general public;

"(b) require any applicant to submit himself to examination as to his competency as a driver to a person designated by him as an examiner, and prescribe the fee payable by the applicant for the examination; and

"(c) from time to time by order under his hand prescribe as to the cases in which an examination as to competency as a driver may be dispensed with and the cases in which it may not be dispensed with."

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 2*d* thereof by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

"**2d.**—(1) Every person who is the holder of a driver's license or chauffeur's license shall, upon being convicted of any offence under this Act, forthwith deliver the same to the judge, police magistrate or justice of the peace making the conviction.

"(2) Any judge, police magistrate or justice of the peace who convicts any person of an offence under this Act who is the holder of a driver's license or a chauffeur's license

may upon making the conviction suspend for such time as he thinks fit or cancel such license, and shall thereupon transmit the suspended or cancelled license to the Minister together with a report setting out the nature of the conviction and the circumstances of the offence; and every such suspension or cancellation shall remain in force unless and until the Minister in his discretion makes an order shortening the term of suspension or annulling the cancellation."

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 2*e* thereof by repealing the same.

6. The said Act is further amended as to section 2*g* thereof by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

"**2g.** Subject to the provisions of this Act as to suspension and cancellation,—

"(a) every driver's license issued at any time prior to the first day of April, 1936, shall expire on the first day of April, 1936;

"(b) every driver's license issued on or after the first day of April, 1936, shall expire on the thirty-first day of March following the date of issue; and

"(c) the period of registration for any motor vehicle pursuant to Part I of this Act which is made in the year 1937 on or before the thirty-first day of March, 1937, shall terminate on the thirty-first day of March, 1937, and thereafter the period of registration shall be from the first day of April until the ensuing thirty-first day of March, both days inclusive."

7. The said Act is further amended by inserting therein, immediately after section 51 thereof, the following new section:

"**51a.** An operator of any vehicle, when transporting gasoline otherwise than in the tank or container of a motor vehicle, shall, before proceeding over any level railway crossing, whether or not a train can be seen or heard approaching the crossing, bring the vehicle to a dead stop and shall not proceed until satisfied that it is safe to do so."

8. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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