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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article two, chapter seventeen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to amend and reenact sections one and three, article two, chapter seventeen-c of said code, all relating to motor vehicle operators' and chauffeurs' licenses and their issuance, expiration and renewal; traffic regulations and laws of the road, obedience to and effect of traffic laws, their application and enforcement; and penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article two, chapter seventeen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that sections one and three, article two, chapter seventeen-c of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 178. MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES.

ARTICLE 2. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.

§17B-2-1. Operators and chauffeurs must be licensed; chauffeur licensee need not procure operator's license; licensees need not obtain local government license.

1 No person, except those hereinafter expressly exempted, 2 shall drive any motor vehicle upon a street or highway 3 in this state or upon any subdivision street, as used in
article twenty-four, chapter eight of this code, when
the use of such subdivision street is generally used by
the public unless the person has a valid license as an
operator or chauffeur under the provisions of this chapter.

No person shall drive a motor vehicle as a chauffeur
unless he holds a valid chauffeur's license. No person
shall receive a chauffeur's license unless and until he
surrenders to the department any operator's license issued
to him or an affidavit that he does not possess an opera-
tor's license.

Any person holding a valid chauffeur's license here-
under need not procure an operator's license.

Any person licensed as an operator or chauffeur as
provided in this chapter may exercise the privilege
thereby granted as provided in this chapter and, except
as otherwise provided by law, shall not be required to
obtain any other license to exercise such privilege by any
county, municipality or local board, or body having au-
thority to adopt local police regulations.

CHAPTER 17C. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND
LAWS OF THE ROAD.

ARTICLE 2. OBEDIENCE TO AND EFFECT OF TRAFFIC LAWS.

§17C-2-1. Provisions of chapter refer to vehicles upon streets
and highways; exceptions.

The provisions of this chapter relating to the opera-
tion of vehicles refer exclusively to the operation of
vehicles upon streets and highways except:

(1) Where a different place is specifically referred to
in a given section.

(2) The provisions of articles three, four, five, five-a,
six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, four-
teen, fifteen, sixteen, eighteen and nineteen shall apply
upon streets and highways as defined in section one,
article two, chapter seventeen-b of this code.

§17C-2-3. Enforcement of chapter; designation and bond of
special officers; failure to obey police officer.

(a) It shall be the duty of the department of public
safety and its members to enforce the provisions of this
chapter and other laws of this state governing the operation of vehicles upon the streets and highways of this state as defined in section one, article two, chapter seventeen-b of this code; and it shall be the duty of sheriffs and their deputies and of the police of cities and towns to render to the department of public safety such assistance in the performance of said duties as the superintendent of the department of public safety may require of them.

(b) The West Virginia commissioner of highways is authorized to designate employees of the West Virginia department of highways as special officers to enforce the provisions of this chapter only when such special officers are directing traffic upon bridges and the approaches to bridges which are a part of the state road system when any such bridge needs special traffic direction and the superintendent of the department of public safety has informed the West Virginia commissioner of highways that he is unable to furnish personnel for such traffic direction. The West Virginia commissioner of highways shall provide a blanket bond in the amount of five thousand dollars for any such employee so designated, and for all employees designated as members of official West Virginia department of highways weighing crews.

(c) No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer invested by law with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that
the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within _______ approved _______ this the _______ day of _______, 1972.

Governor
3/17/72
1:00 p.m.