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On Tuesday, April 23, 1931, the Motor Vehicle Committee met at 2:00 P. M. in Room 76 at the Capitol for public hearing on the following Bills:

✓ House Bill 642, Renting Motor Vehicle to Unlicensed Person, introduced by Mr. Hanbury;
 ✓ House Bill 643, concerning Service of Process in Motor Vehicle Cases, introduced by Mr. Hanbury;
 ✓ House Bill 966, an Act concerning Soliciting Bids on Public Highways, introduced by Mr. Beach; ✓ Senate Bill 329, an Act Relating to Motor Vehicles, introduced by Senator Lavery; ✓ House Bill 960, Concerning Operation of Vehicles on Public Highways, introduced by Mr. Hanbury; ✓ House Bill 968, an Act concerning Motor Vehicles, introduced by Mr. Hanbury; ✓ and House Bills 645 and 646, concerning Registrations by Dealers, Manufacturers and Repairers, introduced by Mr. Beach.

Testimony was heard on all of the above Bills. Under House Bill 968, a section relating to Confiscation of Motor Vehicle for Liquor Violation was referred to the Judiciary Committee upon request of Mr. Kendall H. Pierce, who formerly submitted a bill on the same subject which was also referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P. M.

Attest _____

Clerk

X (Free Whooling Bill heard under House Bill 968 and later assigned the number of - House Bill 1098.)

Date of Hearing April 28, 1931.

Date of Executive Session 4/29/31

Recommendation Favorable

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✓ HOUSE BILL 642 (Mr. Hanbury)

Renting Motor Vehicle to Unlicensed Person.

(Bill read by Commissioner Stoackel.)

The purpose of the Bill is to make it possible to follow through identification to make sure that he has a license. The person who rents the vehicle to ascertain whether he has a license.

Would it prevent out-of-state operators from renting a car?

Not if he could prove that he was a licensed operator.

(No opposition.)

MEMORANDUM

(Mr. Hanbury)

✓ HOUSE BILL 642. Section 3 added to the original, providing for a penalty.

(Mr. Hanbury)

✓ HOUSE BILL 643. The original of House Bill 643, under Section 1, was covered by the Judiciary Committee, so that the Substitute simply deals with Section 5474, and in the existing law it deals with the return of receipts required and for a \$2.00 Service of Process Fee.

(Senator Lavery)

✓ SENATE BILL 329. The subject matter originally covered the striking out of the words "under oath," in connection with transfers. This was later deemed unadvisable, but the Bill was retained as a cover in order to secure the repeal or amendment of Sub. Section L. of Section 1608, together with other registration matters. *Concurrent with Senate*

(Mr. Beach)

✓ SUB. HOUSE BILL 645. This covers the subject matter as originally contained in House Bills 645 and 646. The Substitute provides for the use of X numbers and the discontinuance of SX numbers. It carries the same fees as carried heretofore in the case of X numbers, and increases the number of plates that may be issued under one distinguishing number from twelve to twenty-four. It is recommended that House Bill 646 be rejected as being unnecessary.

(This Substitute retains the dealer's record provision, and the bond and waiver provisions, just as they are in the present law.)

Section 1640. Relative to the use of bicycles, etc. covered in Senate Bill No. 326 (Senator Devlin)

Section 1563. H.B. No. 968 - Sec. 2 added to the transfer law and simply provides that we have adopted the New York provision.

Section 1605. H.B. No. 968 - Sec. 7 This provides that the sum total be reported, including all cars and any personal property, rather than the damage to the operator's own vehicle. This provision clarifies Section 1605 pertaining to reporting accidents.

Section 1570. H.B. No. 968 - Sec. 4 Repeal is recommended as the present system of vehicle rotary indexes is sufficient check upon suspensions which are operating. The question as to previous suspensions, etc., will be required upon application forms, serves no good purpose now except the possible detection of previous record on the part of some new applicant coming from another state. This is not important, however, as in that event the questions are not apt to be answered in an incriminating way and in many cases, check-up would be difficult if not impossible.

Section 1663. H.B. No. 968 - Sec. 13 Leaves the law just as at present, "containing, according to the last preceding census of the United States, more

Upon motion of Mr. Mitchell, duly seconded, the Committee voted the rejection of these Bills.

✓ HOUSE BILL 477 (Mr. Hanbury)

JUNK YARDS

When does it become effective?

The date was changed from August 1st to October 1st, and zoning is to take effect upon passage.

Upon motion of Mr. Mathies, duly seconded, the Committee unanimously voted to adopt the changes and to pass the Bill favorably.

✓ HOUSE BILL 958 (Mr. Rich)

CONCERNING WEIGHTS OF VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

This Bill has been amended to include "structural steel or iron."

Upon motion of Mr. Mathies, duly seconded, the Committee unanimously voted the acceptance of the Bill.

✓ HOUSE BILL 642 (Mr. Hanbury)

RESTRICT MOTOR VEHICLE TO UNLIGHTED PERSON

(Bill read by Mr. Hanbury.)

I don't think that the penalty is enough.

When shall it take effect?

It becomes effective on July 1, 1931, if you don't specify any date.

Do you think that the penalty is enough?

No thought that it was, but we can change it if you wish.

Upon motion of Mr. Mitchell, duly seconded, the Committee unanimously voted the passage of the Bill.

✓ HOUSE BILL 643 (Mr. Hanbury)

SERVICE OF PROCESS

The Bill has been amended to return receipt "requested," instead of "required."

Upon motion of Mr. Bradbury, duly seconded, the Committee unanimously voted the passage of the Bill.

✓ HOUSE BILL 502 (Mr. Hanbury)
(Substitute)

An Act concerning the Renting of Motor Vehicles.

This Bill makes it necessary for the person or corporations renting automobiles under the so-called "U-Drive" plan to ascertain from the lessee whether or not he is a properly licensed operator before allowing him to operate his car on the highway.

The Committee feels that this is a safety measure for the protection of the public and therefore recommends the passage of the Bill.

MEMORANDUM

✓ House Bill 642 (Substitute) - Favorable. (Mr. Hanbury)
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X (Above Bills sent to Clerk of Bills' Office 4/30/31.)

✓ House Bill 295 (Substitute) (Mr. Mathies)

✓ " " 477 " (Mr. Hanbury)

✓ Free Wheeling House Bill No. 1098 (Committee Bill)

✓ Senate Bill 329: (Senator Lavery)

✓ House Bill 968 (Mr. Hanbury)

- Public Service Motor Vehicles. Sec. 3
- Repeal Section 1608. Sec. 9
- Transfer on death of owner. Sec. 2
- Number of persons carried in public service motor vehicles. Sec. 5
- Revocation of license for overloading. Sec. 8

Department Regulations:

- Definition of highway, etc. Sec. 1
- Hearings for approval for sale of gasoline. Sec. 13
- Reporting accidents. Sec. 7
- Abandoned vehicles. Sec. 10
- Brakes on trailers. Sec. 14