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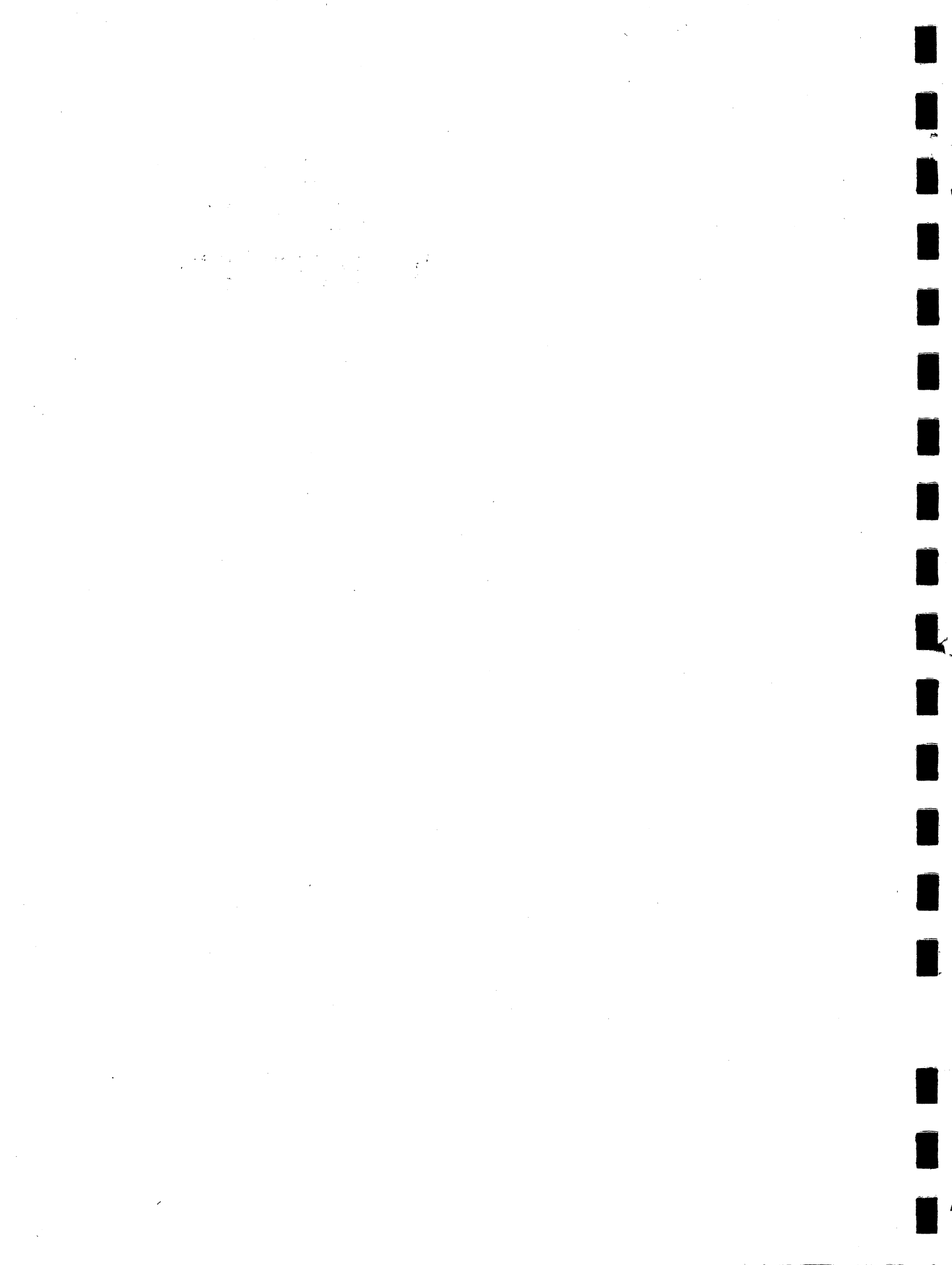
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FROM 1961 to 1980 AND STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT FROM 1958 TO 1961.



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CHRONOLOGY OF TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION IN ONTARIO
1961-1980

AND

AN APPENDIX TO "AN HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY OF
HIGHWAY LEGISLATION IN ONTARIO 1774-1961"

comprized of

AMENDMENTS TO ACTS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT 1958-61

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PART I

CHRONOLOGY OF TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION
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FOREWORD

The following is a compilation and summary of amendments and new legislation that either change or add to the responsibility of the Minister of Transportation and Communications, Ontario.

The summary covers all statutes administered by MTC from 1961 until the first session of the Legislature in 1980 and is intended to follow directly upon a similar compilation for the years 1774-1961 which was prepared by Irma E. Pattison in 1964 and is available in the Ministry library.

The purpose of this summary is to show how the Minister's responsibility has changed over the twenty year period. It is designed to serve as an aid in determining if and how Ministry and Government policies have been implemented through legislation.

This summary represents an attempt to chart only those changes which are of a substantive nature and bear some relation to policy issues; purely technical or "housekeeping" amendments have not been included. This exercise was necessarily highly subjective in nature and, therefore, the summary should not be taken as an authoritative indication of what a specific statute says. Those requiring specific interpretations on sections of any given Act are urged to seek out the actual text of the legislation as set out in the annual or consolidated volumes of the statutes of Ontario.

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CHRONOLOGY OF TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION

1961-62 10-11 Elizabeth II

C.51 An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act

- amendment to change the Department's portion of the cost of construction or maintenance of a bridge or culvert where the highway is in a town, not being a separated town, greater than 2500 from 80 to 90 per cent of the expenditure properly chargeable to highway improvement.

C.52 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- reference to the "Deputy Minister" added. Deputy Minister may be authorized to perform the duties or exercise powers of the Minister
- new definition of "safety glass" requiring Department of Transport approval substituted
- licence suspension provisions of the Act expanded to incorporate references to Criminal Code provisions re impaired driving, failure to stop at the scene of an accident and driving while disqualified
- provision re motor vehicle lamps amended to require illumination over a distance of 350 feet in front of the vehicle
- requirement for a flashing blue light on snow removal equipment added
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make additional regulations regarding brakes
- requirement for a speedometer in buses operating on a highway added
- power to make regulations concerning the definition, classification and regulation of the transportation of explosives expanded
- vehicles and machines used for snow removal exempted from maximum width restrictions of subsection 58(1)
- vehicles used for carrying cars restricted to maximum length of 60 ft.
- maximum allowable length for a public vehicle raised to 40 ft.

- township and county councils empowered to set lower or higher rates of speed on highways or portions thereof under their jurisdiction and not within a built-up or urban area, subject to a minimum speed of 35 m.p.h. and a maximum of 60 m.p.h.
- amendments to the school bus provisions require the words, "do not pass while signals flashing" to appear on the rear of the bus
- drivers and owners required to give proof of financial responsibility in the amount of \$35,000 (increased from \$10,000)
- Part XIII of the Act, creating the Unsatisfied Judgement Fund, is repealed.

C.84 An Act respecting Claims for Damages Arising out of Motor Vehicle Accidents

- creates the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund, to be administered by the Department of Transport
- all moneys to the credit of the Unsatisfied Judgement Fund under S.128 of The Highway Traffic Act are transferred to the new MVACF
- The provisions of the former HTA Part XIII are now incorporated under this Act.

C.114 An Act to amend The Public Commercial Vehicles Act

- reference to "Dual Purpose Vehicle", being one designed for the transportation of persons and goods, added to the Act
- lessor of a commercial vehicle leased to that person for transportation of goods on a highway is deemed to be operating the vehicle where he engages, pays or exercises any control over the driver of that vehicle.

1962-63 11-12 Elizabeth II

C.55 An Act to amend the Highway Improvement Act

- subsection prescribing the portion of the cost of construction or maintenance of a bridge or culvert (where the highway is in a town or village of population over 2500) to be paid out of funds appropriated by the Legislature is repealed

- proportion of cost of maintenance or construction of designated highway intersections to be paid out of funds appropriated by the Legislature is raised to 90 per cent in the case of a town (other than a separated town) or village of population over 2500, and to 75 per cent where the highway is in a city or separated town
- section empowering the Minister to make regulations regarding the use of controlled access highways by vehicles or animals is repealed
- land acquired by a county for the purposes of widening a county road forms part of the county road system to the extent of the designated widening
- provision made for advance payments to townships or counties on account of road construction or maintenance
- Part XII-A added to the Act, empowering the Minister to make a grant to the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto equal to 33 1/3 per cent of estimated expenditure on subway right of way construction.

C.56 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- reference to "conversion unit" added to the Act and made subject to the requirements for registration, vehicle permits and number plates
- prohibition on issuing permits to motor vehicles where the manufacturer's serial number has been obliterated limited to motor vehicles or trailers having a gross weight in excess of 6000 pounds. Similar limitation now applies also to buying, selling, wrecking or otherwise dealing with a motor vehicle or trailer
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations designating an organization to test and approve listed accessories and prohibiting the use of any accessory not so approved
- prohibition on combinations of vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 84,000 pounds, effective 65.12.31

- no vehicle other than a public vehicle or a semi-trailer to exceed a length of 35 feet and no combination of vehicles to exceed a length of 60 feet. No semi-trailer, other than one designed for the carriage of vehicles, to exceed a length of 45 feet. Cities may enact by-laws to prohibit the operation of a combination of vehicles having a total length in excess of 50 feet on highways or portions thereof within their jurisdiction
- speed limits prescribed in the Act do not apply to a motor vehicle operated by a person in the lawful performance of his duties as a police officer
- city, town or village councils empowered to prescribe a rate of speed of 25 m.p.h. for portions of highways designated as being within a school zone
- any vehicle proceeding on a highway at less than the normal speed of traffic to be driven in the right hand lane or as close as is practicable to the right side of the road
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations regarding the use of controlled access highways.

1963-64 12-13 Elizabeth II

C.37 An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act

- Lieutenant Governor in Council may designate an existing road that is in whole or in part in territory without municipal organization as a tertiary road - provisions and regulations applicable to the King's Highway apply to such a road
- concept of a "provincial equalizing factor" introduced to limit contribution of cities and towns for suburban roads.

C.38 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- definition of "pedestrian crossover" added to the Act
- establishes as an offence punishable on summary conviction the failure of a driver to submit his vehicle for examination as required by an officer appointed for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act - such officers also empowered to seize licence plates of dangerous or unsafe vehicles until such time as repairs have been carried out

- council of a city, town or village may prescribe a higher rate of speed on a highway or portion thereof within its jurisdiction, up to 60 m.p.h.
- rules governing pedestrian crossovers established: driver of a a vehicle shall yield right of way to a pedestrian crossing at a crossover when the pedestrian is on or is approaching the same side of the roadway upon which the vehicle is travelling - other rules re passing and duties of pedestrian established
- council of a municipality empowered to prohibit the use of bicycles or animals on a highway within its jurisdiction on which the maximum speed exceeds 50 m.p.h.
- suspension of driver's license or owner's permit restricted to convictions arising under specified sections of the Criminal Code and involving the use of a motor vehicle until such time as the person offers proof of financial responsibility to the Registrar.

C.56 An Act to provide for the Establishment of Local Roads Boards in Territory without Municipal Organization

- provides for the establishment of a local roads board, to be elected by ten or more owners of land in a proposed local roads area
- where a majority of the owners vote in favour of the creation of the Board, three of their members are to be elected trustees of the Board to exercise the powers conferred by the Act
- the Board will determine the work to be performed on local roads, subject to approval by the Minister of Highways
- land owners will be assessed according to the rates set out in the Act, the moneys to be forwarded to the Minister by the Board; the Minister will then credit to the Board an amount equal to twice the sum so remitted, and will cause the money to be spent in carrying out the work designated by the Board or in acquiring right-of-way for roads

- where a Board has been established, the provisions of the Statute Labour Act regarding Road Commissioners shall cease to apply to that area.

C.66 An Act to amend The Motor Vehicles Accident Claims Act, 1961-62

- definition of "insured motor vehicle" expanded to include a motor vehicle registered under The Highway Traffic Act in the name of a municipality
- the penalty for making a false statement upon the issuance or transfer of a permit is expanded to allow for a suspension of the applicant's license or permit for up to one year.

1965 13-14 Elizabeth II

C.17 An Act to provide for the Establishment and Operation of Commuter Services

- empowers the Minister responsible for the Administration of the Act to enter into agreements with Canadian National Railways and any other corporation or individual with respect to the establishment or operation of commuter services to serve one or more areas of the Province, subject to approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council
- a municipality is a corporation for the purpose of contracting with the Province for commuter services
- the Minister, subject to approval, may purchase, lease or otherwise acquire rolling stock, equipment or land that may be required by any commuter service - the Minister also has the power to expropriate land as required for the purpose of the Act.

C.45 An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act

- Minister or persons authorized by him given power to enter upon land adjacent to the King's Highway, without consent of the owner, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining snow fences, subject to payment for any damages suffered by the owner of such land as a result. Any person who interferes with snow fences erected under the Act is guilty of any offence punishable on summary conviction

- Minister's power to designate a road as a "development road" limited to roads or proposed roads under the jurisdiction of a town or village in a territorial district, or of a county or township
- the Minister and any Municipality may enter into an agreement for the acquisition of land, construction, maintenance and/or operation of an expressway or freeway that is or is proposed to be designated as a controlled access highway.

C.46 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- definitions of "park", "parking", "stand", "standing", "stop" and "stopping" where prohibited, are added to the Act
- for the purposes of the Act, every overpass or underpass forming part of the King's Highway is deemed to be a part of the highway of which it is a connecting link
- Minister's power to suspend the license or permit of any person violating the Act or The Public Vehicles Act or the Public Commercial Vehicles Act transferred to the Registrar
- X - a License Suspension Appeal Board is established, to consist of three or more members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Any person aggrieved by the Registrar's decision to suspend his permit or license may appeal that decision to the Board. There is then a further right of appeal to a judge of the county or district court
- requirement for lamps on motor vehicles travelling on a highway from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise extended so as to apply whenever conditions are such that persons or vehicles are not clearly discernable at a distance of 500 feet or less
- no person shall sell any vehicle manufactured after 66-01-01 unless affixed with the required lamps

- lamp requirements for commercial vehicles expanded to require use of clearance lamps on vehicles whose width exceeds 80 inches, whenever visibility is less than 500 feet as well as from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. Commercial vehicles or combinations thereof having a length in excess of 30 feet or a width in excess of 80 inches also required to use identification lamps while travelling on a highway outside a city town or village, under the same conditions as above
- prohibition of driving a motor vehicle equipped with a television amended to permit operation of a vehicle so equipped provided that the television is located behind the driver's seat and no part of it is visible to the driver while he is operating the vehicle
- semi-trailers registered under the Act prior to 61.07.01 may be moved with a gross weight not exceeding 40,000 pounds on a Class A Highway up to and including 66.03.31 (extends earlier deadline). Similar time extension for a combination of vehicles having a gross weight of more than 84,000 pounds is made, and their use on a highway is prohibited after that date
- provisions regulating parking of vehicles on a roadway expanded so as to provide for parking, standing or stopping
- the Registrar shall not suspend the license or vehicle permit of any person, under the general power to suspend for failure to pay judgements, who is indebted to the Motor Vehicles Accident Claims Fund.

1966 14-15 Elizabeth II

C.19 An Act to amend The Commuter Services Act, 1965

- Minister may purchase or lease rolling stock, and equipment and purchase, lease or expropriate land required to establish or operate any commuter service without obtaining the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council
- Minister empowered to dispose of equipment or land no longer required.

C.64 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- definition of "self-propelled implement of husbandry" added

- Deputy Minister with the consent of the Minister, may authorize any public servant in the Department to exercise the powers of the Registrar, when the Registrar or Deputy Registrar is absent
- motorcycles required to display a rear number plate only
- licensing exemptions for drivers from other provinces restricted to those sixteen years of age or over
- *- licensing exemptions expanded so as to apply to residents of any other country or state, who are at least sixteen years of age, hold a valid International Driver's Permit or have complied with the licensing requirements of their country or state and do not reside in Ontario for more than three months in the year
- school buses permitted to carry a lamp which casts a red light or such lights as is approved by the Department and designated by the by-laws of the municipality in which it is operated
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations concerning the standards, specifications, identification and marking of tires and to prohibit the use of tires not conforming to such standards
- persons prohibited from driving a motor vehicle on a highway unless the windshield, side windows and rear window are in such a condition as to afford the driver a clear view; vehicles having securely attached side mirrors are exempted from this requirement as to their rear windows only
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations requiring the use of any device in any vehicle, that may affect the safe operation of that vehicle on the highway or reduce or prevent injury to persons using the highway and to designate devices or to designate an organization to test and mark such devices
- gross weight of a trailer, other than a semi-trailer or pole-trailer, with two axles, not to exceed 32,000 pounds with the weight on one axle not exceeding 18,000 pounds, or 14,000 pounds if the axles are spaced less than eight feet apart

- deadline for moving a semi-trailer or pole-trailer registered before 61.07.01 and having a gross weight not exceeding 40,000 pounds, extended to 67.06.30 (applies to Class A Highways)
- vehicles carrying loads that overhang the rear of the vehicle by five feet or more required to display a red light on the overhanging load whenever there is insufficient light as well as from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise
- loads on commercial vehicles or trailers required to be firmly bound, covered or otherwise secured
- definition of "school bus" amended to incorporate the change to the use of two red signal lights at both the front and rear of the vehicle
- * - driver of a vehicle meeting a school bus on which the front signal lights are flashing shall stop before reaching the bus and shall not proceed until the bus moves or the signals cease flashing, except when driving on a highway with separate roadways
- where a motor vehicle is leased, consent of the lessee to the operation of the vehicle by someone else is deemed to be consent of the owner
- * - owner or driver of a motor vehicle now responsible for damage or injury to passengers in his vehicle where such damage or injury was caused or contributed to by the gross negligence of the driver of the vehicle.

C.107 An Act to amend The Ontario Northland Transportation Commission Act

- subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Commission may lease any lines of the railway and any land or equipment used in connection therewith but no lease of any portion of the line exceeding twenty miles has effect until approved by resolution of the Assembly.

1967 15-16 Elizabeth II

C.10 An Act to amend The Commuter Services Act, 1965

- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prohibiting or regulating the use of land acquired under the Act, requiring and providing for the issue of licences and permits in respect of the use of such land, prescribing the fees for such licences or permits, prescribing fares to be charged and collected for any service and imposing fines upon persons who contravene the regulations
- the Minister may appoint Crown employees as officers for the purpose of carrying out the regulations and any person so appointed is a constable for that purpose and for the purpose of sections 14 and 17 of the Highway Traffic Act.

C.34 An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act

- proportion of cost or maintenance of connecting links or extensions of the King's Highway to be paid out of funds designated by the Legislature is now to be paid regardless of the size of the roadway in question
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prohibiting or regulating the use of any rest, service or other areas constructed, maintained or operated by the Minister for the use of persons on the highway
- Minister and a municipality may enter into agreements for the construction, maintenance or operation of any part of the King's Highway located within the municipality, to a higher standard than set out in the Act
- a local municipality and the county or suburban roads commission may enter into an agreement for the construction, widening or maintenance of any county or suburban road within the municipality or for the construction or maintenance of special works along same. The local municipality will be responsible for the entire cost of installing and maintaining sanitary sewers which replace existing facilities, extra capacity in storm sewers and for maintaining sidewalks; all other costs to be apportioned as per the agreement

- concept of a "provincial equalizing factor" limiting the contribution of cities and towns on suburban roads (introduced in 1964) is abandoned
- definition of "subway" for the purposes of the agreements between the Minister and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto enlarged to include the extension of the Yonge Street Subway from Eglinton to Sheppard Avenue
- Minister must now approve a municipality's decision to designate as a controlled access road any road within its jurisdiction.

C.35 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- * - a motorcycle, while being driven on the highway, is now required to display only a rear number plate, which must be attached
- amber lamp designating a volunteer fire fighter's vehicle to be carried on the left front fender only
- > - motorcycles now required to be equipped with two separate braking systems, one for each wheel
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prohibiting the use of any type of tire during any designated period of the year
- every dealer in used motor vehicles must give the purchaser a certificate of mechanical fitness on the prescribed form before entering into a contract of sale, unless the vehicle is not capable of being certified in which case the number plates shall be removed and forwarded to the Registrar. These provisions do not apply when a motor vehicle is sold by one dealer to another
- deadline for moving a semi-trailer or pole-trailer registered before 61.07.01 and having a gross weight not exceeding 40,000 pounds extended once again to 68.06.30
- prohibition as to carrying loads in excess of that for which a permit was issued, expanded to apply to combinations of vehicles
- rate of speed rules now cover speed limits as posted in construction zones, which may be designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council

- duty of pedestrian crossing a roadway (other than at a pedestrian crosswalk) to yield right of way to motor vehicles is abolished
- no person to drive any vehicle, other than a commercial vehicle, that is drawing more than one vehicle
- no aircraft to be driven or drawn on a highway unless in compliance with the provisions of the Act respecting movement of vehicles
- * - medical practitioners under a duty to report to the Registrar the name and diagnosis of every person under their care whose condition is such as to make it dangerous for that person to operate a motor vehicle.

1968 17 Elizabeth II

C.4 An Act respecting the Establishment, Extension, Improvement and Maintenance of Airports

- Minister of Transport empowered to enter into agreements with the government of Canada and any municipality, corporation or individual with respect to the establishment, extension, improvement or maintenance of airports to serve one or more areas of Ontario
- The Minister may, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, provide funds for the purpose of acquiring land or equipment required for the purposes of the Act
- the Minister may acquire, establish, operate and maintain airports and landing grounds to serve one or more areas of Ontario.

C.49 An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act

- Part XII of the Act, dealing with roads in territory without municipal organization, is amended so as to coincide with the provisions of The Local Roads Board Act, 1964.

C.50 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- definition of "motor vehicle" under the Act amended so as to expressly exclude a motorized snow vehicle

- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to require payment of fees to the Department for any approval in respect of equipment to be used on a vehicle, as required by the Act
- provision for the cancellation of the operator's license of any person who fails to submit to such examination as required by the Minister
- truck tractors operating on a highway without a trailer not required to carry three red identification lamps on the rear
- all motor vehicles except motorcycles required to have odometers
- farm vehicles required to have a slow moving vehicle sign affixed to the rear while being driven on a highway
- amendments to the provisions for certification of used motor vehicles require a dealer who sells an unfit motor vehicle to forward to the Department the required notice together with the number plates and permit for the vehicle. Commercial motor vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and owned by a person who does not reside in Ontario are exempted from the certification requirements. Any person who applies for the transfer of a motor vehicle and is unable to produce a certificate of mechanical fitness must forward to the Department the number plates and permit for the vehicle and will be issued a permit marked "unfit motor vehicle"
- operators and riders of motorcycles on a highway required to wear helmets conforming with the regulations set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council
- deadline for moving a semi-trailer or pole trailer registered before 61.07.01 and having a gross weight not exceeding 40,000 pounds on a Class A Highway extended to 69.12.31
- maximum permissible width of vehicles, except traction engines, road building and snow removal vehicles, increased to 102 inches
- *- persons convicted of driving at a rate of speed of 30 or more miles per hour greater than the maximum limit may be subject to a license suspension of up to 30 days, at the magistrate's discretion

- a driver making a left turn onto a two-way highway must complete his turn by entering as closely as practicable to the centre line of the highway then entered (previous provision required only that the driver enter to the right of centre); similar rule applies for turns from a one-way to a two-way highway
- mechanical or electrical turn signals to be used only for the purpose of signalling turns to the left or right from a direct line
- rules for flashing green traffic lights added: driver approaching such light may proceed across the intersection or turn to the left or right notwithstanding the rules in S.68(2); a pedestrian approaching such light shall not proceed across the roadway except in accordance with a pedestrian crossing signal
- council of a city (as defined under The Secondary Schools and Boards of Education Act) or municipality may provide by by-law that the rules and regulations as to equipment, lights, markings and visual signals on school buses do not apply to highways under its jurisdiction
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations designating any part of a highway as a tunnel and regulating the use thereof
- driver of a motor vehicle to which a house trailer or boat trailer is attached prohibited from operating the vehicle if the trailer is occupied by any person
- * - medical practitioners protected from possible civil actions for complying with duty to inform the Registrar of patients' conditions which might affect the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

C.75 An Act respecting Motorized Snow Vehicles

- "motorized snow vehicle" defined as a self-propelled vehicle designed to be driven exclusively on ice or snow
- owners of motorized snow vehicles required to register them with the Department, which shall issue a permit and number plate; rules and regulations similar to those respecting motor vehicles apply to such permits and number plates

- Minister of Transport empowered to designate the highways or parts thereof on which motorized snow vehicles may be driven; the council of a municipality may pass by-laws prohibiting use on highways within its jurisdiction
- * no person under the age of sixteen years to drive a motorized snow vehicle on a highway
- provisions of The Highway Traffic Act, except Part XI, and The Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act do not apply to a motorized snow vehicle
- * any person driving a motorized snow vehicle required to be insured under a motor vehicle liability policy
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prescribing rules for driving motorized snow vehicles, requiring the use or incorporation of any equipment or device and providing for the registration and issue of permits and number plates.

C.105 An Act to amend The Public Commercial Vehicles Act

- definition of "freight forwarder" added; no person to act as a freight forwarder unless he is the holder of a freight forwarder's licence issued by the Minister and subject to the regulations under the Act
- definition of "tank truck vehicle" added; Ontario Highway Transport Board approval required before an operating license for the transport of sand, gravel, salt and asphalt mixes for use in highway maintenance or construction by tank truck vehicle will be issued
- leases of commercial motor vehicles, trailers or dual purpose vehicles prohibited where the lessor engages or pays the driver, exercises control over the driver, assumes responsibility for goods transported, or where the lessee does not acquire absolute possession and control of the vehicle
- minimum fine for contravening provisions of the Act increased to \$50
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations requiring holders of operating licenses to produce a certificate of mechanical fitness respecting any vehicle operated under those licences

1968-69 17-18 Elizabeth II

C.44 An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act

- proportion of municipal expenditure on construction or maintenance of suburban roads to be paid by the Minister increased to 50 per cent in all cases
- definition of "subway" expanded to include the extension of the Yonge Street Subway from Sheppard to Finch Avenue and the Spadina Expressway rapid transit facilities; proportion of expenditure on subway construction by the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto to be paid by the Minister increased to 50 per cent, in respect of work performed after 70.01.01.

C.45 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- definition of "median strip" added to the Act
- registration provisions made applicable to a "self-propelled implement of husbandry" other than when travelling from farm to farm in relation to the use for which it was designed
- Y- failure to produce operator's license when requested by a constable or officer under the Act no longer an offence punishable by fine, every person who fails or is unable to produce his operator's license shall furnish "reasonable identification" (correct name and address)
- X- driver licensing provisions do not apply to a person for thirty days after he has become a resident of Ontario provided he holds a drivers license from the country, state or province in which he was previously a resident
- T- mandatory suspension for a driver convicted under the Criminal Code for impaired driving reduced to three months for a first offence (six months if death or property damage ensues) and six months for any subsequent offence (one year if death or property damage ensues)
- for purposes of determining "subsequent" offences, all offences during the previous five years are to be considered (previous limitation was one year in the case of Criminal Code offences relating to motor vehicles)

- penalty provisions under the Act amended to allow magistrates greater flexibility in the size of fines to be assessed, regardless of whether the offence in question is a first or subsequent offence
- requirement that new vehicles be equipped with safety glass extended to apply to any apparatus designed to be attached to a motor vehicle and in which a person can ride
- constable or officer requiring a driver to submit his vehicle to examination now required to give the driver written notice
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations requiring the owners of commercial vehicles, uninsured motor vehicles or motor vehicles involved in accidents reportable under Part XIV of the Act to submit them to an inspection and prohibiting the use of those vehicles that do not comply with the standards set
- penalties for vehicles exceeding the gross weight limitations specified in the Act to be assessed per hundredweight in excess of the permissible limit
- miscellaneous penalty provisions under the Act increased (generally \$20 and \$50 minimum increased to \$50 and \$100 respectively)
- maximum length for a combination of vehicles, other than a public vehicle on semi-trailer, increased from 60 to 65 feet
- Minister empowered to designate part of the King's Highway as a construction zone
- penalty for speeding changed to: \$2 for each mile per hour that the vehicle exceeded the limit, if less than 10 miles per hour over the limit; \$3 per mile for 10-20 miles per hour over the limit; \$4 per mile for 20-30 miles per hour over the limit, and \$5 per mile for exceeding the speed limit by more than 30 miles per hour
- provisions relating to traction engines repealed
- ~~X~~ - requirement to file proof of financial responsibility amended to require proof in the minimum amount of \$50,000

- duty to report accidents made applicable to accidents in which damage to property apparently exceeds \$200
- optometrists required to report to the Registrar conditions of patients over sixteen years old which conditions might render dangerous the operation of a motor vehicle
- provision allowing payment of fines collected for offences committed in a city, town, village or township to that city, town, village or township is repealed.

C.73 An Act to amend The Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act, 1961-62

- Minister empowered to defend an action on behalf of the estate of a deceased person
- maximum amount payable out of the fund raised to \$50,000 for accidents occurring in Ontario after 69.09.01.

1970 19 Elizabeth II

C.73 An Act to amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, 1968

- municipalities and counties empowered to pass by-laws to regulate as well as prohibit the use of motorized snow vehicles within the municipality or county and on any highways or parts thereof within their jurisdiction
- where the operation of a motorized snow vehicle is permitted on a highway, no person shall drive such vehicle on a highway unless he holds an operator's or chauffeur's licence issued under The Highway Traffic Act (except for non-residents licensed in their own jurisdiction)
- users of motorized snow vehicles involved in collisions resulting in injury to any person or property damage apparently exceeding \$200, required to report such accidents to the police
- owner of a motorized snow vehicle to incur all the penalties provided for any contravention of the Act, unless at the time, the motorized snow vehicle was in the possession of some other person without his consent; driver or operator also to incur such penalties.

C.74 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 1)

- motor vehicle dealers prohibited from selling any new motor vehicle that does not conform to the standards required under The Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Canada)
- maximum permissible gross weight of a semi-trailer or pole trailer with three axles, so designed that the weight on the three axles remains constant, increased to 42,000 from 32,000 pounds
- pedestrian signals may be shown by symbols as designated in the regulations
- operation of air cushioned vehicles on a highway prohibited
- amendment to Part XII of the Act abandons requirements for offering proof of financial responsibility and creates new provisions governing suspension of a driver's licence for failure to pay a judgement and allows for reciprocal enforcement of judgements with states or provinces having similar legislation
- Part XVI, governing axle weights, is added to the Act; rules established to regulate spacing between axles, restrictions as to weight on tires and axles, maximum allowable axle weights, carrying of loads in excess of permit, and creating enforcement provisions and penalties.

C.107 An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act

- Minister empowered to authorize a municipality to use or construct and maintain buildings or improvements on any space or area located over, across or under a highway within the Department's jurisdiction, where in the opinion of the Minister such work can be carried out without interfering with public use of the highway.

C.108 An Act to amend The Local Roads Board Act, 1964

- all land acquired under the Act is vested in the Crown and is under the jurisdiction and control of the Minister who may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of it when no longer required for the purposes of the Act.

C.109 An Act to amend The Commuter Services Act, 1965

- Minister empowered to establish and operate commuter services, but cabinet approval still required to enter into agreements with Canadian National Railways or any other corporation or individual
- Lieutenant Governor in Council given additional power to make regulations governing the terms and conditions upon which tickets are sold, the conduct of passengers and to refuse passage to any person who does not comply with the regulations, terms and conditions.

C.113 An Act to amend The Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act, 1961-62

- ~~X~~ - requirement for filing proof of financial responsibility, as an alternative to offering proof of a contract of insurance or paying the uninsured motorist fee and also as an alternative to commencing repayment of a sum paid out of the fund, is revoked.

1971 20 Elizabeth II

C.13 An Act to amalgamate the Department of Highways and the Department of Transport

- Department of Highways and Department of Transport amalgamated and continued as the Department of Transportation and Communications
- all references to Department of Highways or Transport and the respective Minister or Deputy Minister deemed to be references to the Department of Transportation and Communications and the Minister or Deputy Minister thereof respectively
- Minister of Transportation and Communications empowered to delegate any powers to any official of the Department
- Minister empowered to enter into reciprocal agreements with the governments of any province of Canada respecting the licensing and payment of fees for public commercial vehicles, public vehicles, commercial motor vehicles and trailers, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council; the provisions of The Highway Traffic Act, The Public Commercial Vehicles Act and The Public Vehicles Act are subject to any such agreement and licenses issued by provinces with which an agreement has been made are deemed to be licenses under the respective Acts

- X - a licence or permit, issued by a province with which an agreement has been made, is subject to the provisions for suspension or cancellation under the respective Ontario Acts, insofar as the licence is effective in Ontario
- Minister to submit an annual report on the affairs of the Department, which will be presented to the Assembly
- Department of Highways and Department of Transport Acts repealed.

C.50 The Civil Rights Statute Law Amendment Act, 1971

- enacts miscellaneous amendments to The Ontario Highway Transport Board Act, The Public Commercial Vehicles Act, and The Public Vehicles Act for the purpose of clarifying the rights and duties of licensees, the responsibility and powers of the Minister or Board responsible for the administration of the Acts, and designating the right to and procedure for hearings and appeals conforming to The Statutory Powers Procedure Act, 1971
- The Public Commercial Vehicles Act is amended to add Schedules A and B which establish statutory terms and conditions which are deemed to be a part of every contract for the transportation of goods for compensation (Schedule A is of general application; Schedule B applies to contracts entered into by freight forwarders).

C.61 An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act

- the Act is renamed "The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act"
- Minister, rather than the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may give approval to the closing of a highway by a municipality where the closing is for a period not exceeding seventy-two hours and there is an adequate detour for traffic
- Minister to advise every county having a county road system of the amount of money to be allocated for road construction and maintenance annually; county to advise how such allocation will be spent (similar requirements adopted for cities, towns and villages); the total amount paid shall not exceed the amount of the allocation for that year except in the case of municipalities, in which case the total expenditure for road improvements and public transportation shall not exceed the allocation for those items

- Part XII of the Act, dealing with subway construction, amended so as to apply to rapid transit systems in all municipalities; Minister to allocate moneys for subway construction to each municipality, which will file an estimate showing how such allocation is proposed to be spent; payment out of the moneys allocated to equal 50 per cent of the expenditure by the municipality
- Part XIIB, dealing with public transportation, added to the Act: "public transportation" defined as any service for which a fare is charged for transporting the public by vehicles operated by or on behalf of a municipality; Minister to provide financial assistance for purchase of equipment, acquisition of land and services required for public transportation out of money allocated to the municipality at the same rate and in the same manner as expenditures on road improvement; Minister and a municipality may also enter into an agreement to provide an experimental or demonstration project related to public transportation.

1972 21 Elizabeth II

C.1 An Act to Provide for the Reorganization of the Government of Ontario

- the Department of Transportation and Communications becomes the Ministry of Transportation and Communications
- * - responsibility for the administration of the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act is transferred to the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations

C.127 An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act

- provisions prescribing fees to be paid by the holder of an operating licence are repealed.

C.128 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- * - justices of the peace and provincial judges empowered to direct the Registrar to suspend the licence of any person in default of payment of fines imposed for offences under The Highway Traffic Act, The Public Vehicles Act or The Public Commercial Vehicles Act.

1973 22-23 Elizabeth II

C.20 An Act to amend The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act (No.1)

- Minister empowered to enter into agreements with firms to provide all or part of any experimental or demonstration project related to public transportation or to design, construct or operate all or part of a demonstration transit system; prime consideration is to be given to Canadian content and technology.

C.45 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.1)

- "bus" defined as a motor vehicle designed for carrying ten or more passengers and used for the transportation of persons - no bus to exceed a length of 40 feet
- "mobile home" defined as a vehicle other than a motor vehicle or trailer, designed and used as a residence or working accommodation unit, and exceeding 102 inches in width or 35 feet in length
- conversion units no longer required to be registered; where a conversion unit is used on a vehicle and the appropriate fee is paid, the vehicle may carry up to 15,000 pounds more than the weight for which the vehicle was registered
- vehicles owned by non-residents, based and operated in Ontario by them or operated by an Ontario resident for more than 30 days in the year, no longer qualify for the registration exemption
- X- persons under the age of sixteen years are prohibited from driving or operating road building machinery on a highway
- provisions relating to licensing of parking stations and parking lots removed
- use of any coating, lens or attachment which reduces the effective area of headlights is prohibited
- use of flashing red lights, other than turn signals or four way flashers, restricted to emergency vehicles
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations as to the standards, specifications and use of safety glass in vehicles

- use of colour coatings on windshields or any other window which obstruct the driver's view is prohibited
- exemption from the requirement for two means of attachment from a trailer to the towing vehicle limited to trailers attached by means of a fifth wheel device
- * certificate of mechanical fitness not required upon transfer of a motor vehicle to the spouse of the owner or to the estate of a deceased owner
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prescribing standards or specifications for vehicles
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prescribing the manner of loading, covering and securing of loads on vehicles
- interpretation provisions relating to triple axles extended and clarified.

C.66 An Act to establish The Ontario Transportation Development Corporation

- objects of the corporation are to develop designs and systems, encourage the creation and development of Canadian businesses and facilities; test, operate and provide services for transit systems and to manufacture vehicles and equipment for use in transit systems, all in relation to public transportation
- corporation to be incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act, and is not a Crown agency or agent of the Province of Ontario
- Minister authorized to hold shares of the corporation on behalf of the Crown; such holdings to constitute a majority of the outstanding shares of the corporation at all times.

C.67 An Act to amend The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act (No.2)

- Minister's consent required where a municipality proposes to open, close or divert a highway that connects with the King's Highway except where the highway is to be closed for less than seventy-two hours and an adequate detour has been provided

- Minister empowered to extend or alter as well as to construct and operate such works as are necessary for the purposes of the Ministry and to enter into agreements with municipalities for the construction of works
- provision for transfer of any part of a highway under the jurisdiction of the Ministry to the municipality in which it is situated, expanded and amended to allow the Minister to continue the designation of a highway as a controlled-access highway until the municipality so designates it
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to designate any highway as a controlled-access highway and any highway so designated is deemed to be a part of the King's Highway
- financial arrangements for county roads changed to provide for a payment of 50% of the amount properly chargeable to road improvement in all circumstances; provision made for the payment of an additional amount of up to 80% of the expenditure on improvement of a county roads system (similar to the provision already in force for regional roads)
- portion of expenditures on suburban roads remaining after taking into account provincial grants, to be borne equally by the county and the city or separated town
- counties no longer entitled to financial aid for the maintenance of a ferry service
- Part XIII of the Act is re-enacted so as to apply expressly to rapid transit systems and in order to more directly relate provincial financial assistance to the amount needed for rapid transit system construction
- Part XIII-A of the Act, dealing with public transportation, is amended to provide for a system of financial assistance similar to that set out for rapid transit under Part XIII and to provide for assistance equal to 75% of capital costs and 50% of operating costs
- Minister empowered to establish, acquire, construct and operate ferries.

C.166 An Act to amend The Public Commercial Vehicles Act

- certificate of public convenience and necessity required for the issuance of a freight forwarder's licence

- an officer conducting an examination of a commercial vehicle under the Act may require production of the vehicle licence, conditions of the operating licence, any lease under which the vehicle is being operated and copies of any bills of lading
- Minister empowered to appoint persons to conduct an investigation where he believes that any person has contravened the provisions of the Act.

C.167 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.2)

- X- references to "operator's" or "chauffeur's" licence are deemed to be references to a "driver's" licence; Part III of the Act re-enacted to incorporate this change and to provide for the issuance of licenses authorizing the holder to drive motor vehicles within a designated class or classes of vehicles; provisions for chauffeur's licenses are repealed
- provision relating to certificates of mechanical fitness re-enacted to allow for the appointment of a Director of Vehicle Inspection Standards and the designation of motor vehicle inspection stations and mechanics; no person to sell a used motor vehicle unless he gives the purchaser a safety standards certificate issued upon an inspection made not more than thirty days prior to the date of delivery; rules governing the licensing, operation and supervision of inspection stations and mechanics established; regulations to be enacted governing the standards for issuance of a safety standards certificate
- municipal councils empowered to pass by-laws prohibiting the operation of commercial motor vehicles, other than buses, in the left lane of any highway under their jurisdiction that has three or more lanes of traffic in each direction and a maximum speed limit greater than fifty miles per hour.

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C.66 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.1)

- Part II of the Act is retitled "permits" and amended to provide for the validation of permits and number plates and to empower the Lieutenant Governor in Council to prescribe the terms during which permits will be in force

- justices of the peace and provincial judges authorized to impose a lesser fine or no fine upon conviction of a person for a prescribed offence where the convicted person attends and successfully completes a driver improvement program conducted by the Ministry; Lieutenant Governor in Council may designate the offences to which this provision will apply and the municipalities in which the programs may be conducted.

C.69 An Act to establish the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority

- Authority to have jurisdiction within Peel Region, York Region and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto
- Authority to be composed of the chairmen of the councils of the Regional Municipalities of Peel and York and the chairman of the council of The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto; Lieutenant Governor in Council to appoint a fourth member who will act as chairman of the Authority
- chairmen of the councils of the Regional Municipalities of Halton and Hamilton-Wentworth may attend and participate at meetings where matters affecting the transportation of passengers in their regions are to be raised
- objects of the Authority are:
 - a) to design, establish and operate an efficient and economical surface and/or subsurface inter-regional transit system to serve passengers crossing the regional boundaries of the areas under its jurisdiction;
 - b) to co-ordinate the operation of inter-regional and regional transit systems;
 - c) to provide information and assistance to regional and inter-regional transit systems
- Authority to study the design, operation and fare structure of transit systems and the use of Ministry allocated transit funds by municipalities
- Authority to administer all of the commuter services operated by Government of Ontario Transit

- Authority empowered to make regulations (subject to review by the Minister and approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council) prescribing fares, providing for the issue of licences and permits in respect of the use of the Authority's land, governing the terms and conditions on which tickets are sold, and governing the conduct of passengers
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations exempting any method of transportation or type of vehicle from the application of the Act.

C.113 The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, 1974

- repeals The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, 1968 and substitutes a new scheme for the licensing, registration and regulation of motorized snow vehicles, having the following main features:
 - motorized snow vehicles to be driven only under the authority of a permit - registration numbers to be issued
 - dealers required to register vehicles on behalf of purchasers
 - driving a motorized snow vehicle on a King's Highway prohibited except as allowed by regulation
 - local councils empowered to pass by-laws regulating use on highways under their jurisdiction
 - driver of a motorized snow vehicle on a public trail or highway required to have a drivers licence or motorized snow vehicle operator's licence; driver must be a minimum of twelve, fourteen or sixteen years of age to drive on a public trail, across a highway and along a highway, respectively
 - speed limits established for highways, public parks and public trails; limits may be varied by local municipalities
 - person driving a motorized snow vehicle on private lands required to identify himself to the owner of such land if requested to do so
 - drivers to wear helmets at all times
 - owner of land owes no duty of care to persons driving a motorized snow vehicle thereon
 - offence of trespass while operating a motorized snow vehicle created.

C.123 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.2)

- definition of "motor assisted bicycle" added: a bicycle with an attached motor driven by electricity or which has a piston displacement of not more than fifty cubic centimetres and which is not capable of reaching a speed of thirty miles per hour within one mile from a standing start; motor assisted bicycles excluded from the definition of "motorcycle" and "motor vehicle" but included in the definition of "vehicle"
- provision making it an offence to fail to display a validation sticker deleted
- no person under the age of fourteen years to drive a motor assisted bicycle on a highway
- licence suspension upon conviction for criminal code offences relating to motor vehicles changed to three months upon first conviction and six months upon subsequent conviction; provision allowing for the issue of restricted licences repealed
- driving while under suspension to be an offence under the Act, punishable by fine of up to \$500 and a further six month suspension
- miscellaneous provisions relating to equipment and rules of the road respecting bicycles and/or motorcycles extended to motor assisted bicycles
- Municipalities no longer required to obtain the Minister's approval before extending the March/April weight load restrictions during any period of the year for vehicles travelling on highways within their jurisdiction
- Municipalities no longer required to obtain the Minister's approval before passing by-laws altering the rate of speed on highways within their jurisdiction or erecting stop or yield signs at intersections on such highways
- provisions relating to the use of pedestrian crossovers and crossing at intersections extended so as to apply to persons in wheelchairs
- provision relating to school buses stopped on a highway amended so as to apply on all highways irrespective of the speed limit

- any person whose driver's licence is suspended upon conviction under the Act is required to forward same to the Registrar unless the judge making the conviction is required to take the license; officers under the Act empowered to seize suspended licences which have not been forwarded to the Registrar as required.

C.130 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.3)

- trucks hauling milk exempted from the load restrictions applicable to commercial vehicles upon declared portions of the King's Highway
- load limits applicable to trucks transporting heating fuel or livestock feed during the months of March/April are increased.

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C.37 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.2)

- limitation period for instituting civil actions for damages occasioned by a motor vehicle raised to two years from twelve months.

C.44 The Ministry of Transportation and Communications Creditors Payment Act, 1975

- the Act makes the provision of The Public Works Creditors Payment Act apply only to the Ministry; all other ministries are brought under the provision of The Mechanic's Lien Act
- Minister empowered to pay a contractor's creditors, where the contractor is in default, and to deduct the amount paid from any money owing to the contractor by the Ministry.

C.55 An Act to amend The Ontario Transportation Development Corporation Act

- corporation authorized to sell or trade its assets and liabilities to another corporation having similar objects and which is beneficially owned by Ontario, another province or Canada, and to receive in exchange securities of the other corporation.

C.64 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.3)

- all motor vehicles other than school buses prohibited from bearing the words "do not pass when signals flashing" or "school bus"

- council of a municipality empowered to designate school bus loading zones on highways under its jurisdiction; driver of a school bus prohibited from stopping for the purpose of discharging or receiving school children on a highway opposite a designated school bus loading zone, or at such zone except as closely as practicable to the right curb of the roadway.

C.78 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.4)

- definition of "motor assisted bicycle" modified; definition of "motor vehicle" modified so that it now includes a motor assisted bicycle for most purposes of the Act (purpose is to make the provisions regarding registration, permits, driver licensing and minimum age of drivers apply to motor assisted bicycles)
- dealer selling a motor assisted bicycle must certify that it complies with the definition in the Act
- driver of a motor assisted bicycle prohibited from carrying any other person thereon
- municipalities empowered to prohibit motor assisted bicycles on highways having a speed limit over 50 miles per hour.

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C.6 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.1)

- vehicles of a class to be prescribed by regulation prohibited from being operated on a highway unless a sticker evidencing compliance with inspection and performance requirements is displayed
- officers empowered to seize the number plates of vehicles that fail to comply
- dump trucks removed from the class of commercial vehicles registered in another province which are exempted from the requirement of obtaining a safety standards certificate prior to obtaining a permit
- application of Part VI of the Act, dealing with weight, load and size of vehicles, extended to 77.03.31.

C.14 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.2)

- requires the use of seat belts in motor vehicles driven on a highway where the vehicles are equipped with seat belts in accordance with The Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Canada) and makes it an offence to drive a vehicle in which seat belts have been modified or removed
- exemptions from the requirements apply to persons driving a vehicle in reverse, persons who due to the nature of their work are required to leave the vehicle frequently, persons who are unable to wear seat belts for medical reasons and have a doctor's certificate to that effect, and persons under the age of two years
- driver of a motor vehicle is responsible for ensuring that children between the ages of two and sixteen wear their seat belts
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations requiring the use of child restraint systems and exempting any class of motor vehicle, driver or passenger from the seat belt requirements
- owner of a motor vehicle not liable for violations regarding the use of seat belts except where he is also the driver.

C.15 An Act to amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, 1974

- offence of careless driving created under the Act.

C.17 An Act to amend The Public Commercial Vehicles Act

- Minister no longer authorized to issue a licence for transportation, other than by tank truck vehicle, of sand, gravel, and other materials used in road construction; Board's certificate of public necessity and convenience to be obtained in all cases
- where the Board does issue a certificate in respect of the transportation of such materials, the approval will refer to specific regions and a maximum number of vehicles which may be operated
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to prescribe by regulation regions within the boundaries of which goods may be transported by public commercial vehicles pursuant to an operating licence.

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C.37 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- penalty provisions updated to include mandatory suspension of a driver's licence upon conviction for failing to submit to a breathalyzer test under S. 234.1 of the Criminal Code
- court or judge making a conviction under the Criminal Code provisions applicable to motor vehicles may make an order extending the suspension of a driver's licence for any period if the person is liable to life imprisonment in respect of the offence, and for any period not exceeding three years if the person is not liable to life imprisonment
- suspension provisions apply where a person is found guilty and is discharged in the same manner as if he had been convicted
- lamps on motorcycles manufactured after 70 01 01 required to be used at all times when the motorcycle is on a highway
- a consignor of goods who causes a vehicle to be loaded in excess of the limits set out in the Act, intending that such vehicle be operated on a highway, is liable to a penalty as if he had been the operator of such vehicle
- fire trucks exempted from the maximum vehicle length provisions
- provisions as to weight, width, length and height of vehicles not to apply to "over-dimensional farm vehicles" - Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations specifically to regulate or prohibit the movement of over-dimensional farm vehicles on highways
- drivers allowed to pass to the right of another vehicle by driving over a paved shoulder where the other vehicle is making a left turn
- lanes on highways may be designated for use by particular classes or types of vehicles, provided official signs to that effect are erected
- provisions re "school crossing guards" added: school crossing guards directing children across a highway with a speed limit not in excess of 40 miles per hour to display a school crossing stop sign; driver of an approaching vehicle to stop before reaching the crossing.

C.41 An Act to amend The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act

- municipalities no longer required to obtain the Minister's approval in order to designate a road as a controlled access road or before entering into an agreement with the appropriate road authority for the widening of a road or highway within the municipality.

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C.1 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.1)

- application of Part VI of the Act, dealing with loads and dimensions, extended to 78 03 31 from 77 03 31 (pending introduction of new Parts VI and VII - see S.O.1977, C.65).

C.19 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.2)

- all references to distances and rates of speed converted from the Imperial to the Metric system.

C.20 An Act to amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, 1974

- all references to speed limits under the Act converted from Imperial to Metric.

C.32 An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act

- reference to a "car pool vehicle" added: a motor vehicle with a seating capacity of not more than twelve persons, while it is operated transporting commuters (none of whom pay for the service more frequently than on a weekly basis) and that is not used for more than one round trip per day, and the owner or lessee of which does not own or lease another car pool vehicle unless he is the employer of a majority of the commuters transported therein
- car pool vehicles excluded from the definition of "public vehicle" under the Act (purpose is to exempt car pool vehicles from the provisions regulating public vehicles under the Act and thus encourage their use).

C.33 An Act to amend The Airports Act

- amendments to clarify the Minister's authority to lease land or facilities in airports to individuals or corporations so that the usefulness of the airports might be augmented; leases for terms in excess of twenty-one years to be approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council

- subsidies paid to municipalities may be applied to the cost of services, including salaries and wages, as well as to costs of construction, maintenance or operation (clarification only).

C.39 An Act to amend The Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority Act, 1974

- Authority's area of jurisdiction expanded to include the Regional Municipalities of Durham, Halton and Hamilton-Wentworth
- Authority empowered to operate transit services within a regional area under its jurisdiction at the request of and under an agreement with the council of the regional area or the council of a municipality within the regional area
- Authority empowered to operate a parcel express service within its area of jurisdiction, in conjunction with and ancillary to its passenger services.

C.53 An Act to amend The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act

- Minister and a municipality may enter into an agreement to provide an experimental or demonstration project related to transportation or highway systems; Ministry to pay up to 75% of the cost
- Minister, with consent of the authority having jurisdiction over the road in question, may relocate, alter or divert any road giving access to a highway under the Ministry's jurisdiction
- Minister may make agreements to construct and maintain roads on behalf of another Minister, an agency of the Crown or Ontario Hydro
- actions to recover damages from the Crown for injuries or losses resulting from a failure to keep the King's Highway in repair no longer required to be brought in the county where the accident occurred
- Minister may arrange with the Government of Canada, road commissioners under The Statute Labour Act, or any landowner, as well as with a local roads board, for the construction or maintenance of roads in territory without municipal organization.

C.54 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.3)

- medical information filed with the Ministry, as required under the Act, to be kept strictly confidential (confirms existing policy)
- licensing exemption for new residents extended to sixty days from thirty
- extension mirrors used on vehicles other than commercial vehicles required to be removed when the vehicle is not actually towing a trailer
- sale of new vehicles not complying with the standards and specifications set out in the regulations prohibited
- regulations may adopt by reference any code, standard or regulation made by the Government of Canada and require compliance therewith (purpose is to allow the Province to adopt Federal standards respecting the labelling, packaging and transportation on highways of explosives and dangerous materials)
- authority to designate school zones on highways within jurisdiction extended to the Council of a Township or County
- Minister authorized to delegate the power to approve signal light installations to an officer of the Ministry
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prescribing maintenance records to be kept by operators of school purposes vehicles
- municipalities empowered to prohibit pedestrians, bicycles, animals etc. on all highways under their jurisdiction, rather than only on those having a speed limit in excess of eighty kilometres per hour
- provision requiring gratuitous passengers to prove gross negligence on the part of the driver in order to recover damages for injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident repealed, thus ending the legal distinction between gratuitous passengers and those who pay for their transportation (purpose of the amendment is to remove a major disincentive toward the development of car and van pools)
- duty to report motor vehicle accidents applies where property damage apparently exceeds \$400 (increased from \$200).

- C.65 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.4)
- Parts VI and VII of the Act dealing with the load, dimensions and weight of commercial motor vehicles re-enacted
 - dimensional and weight specifications modified in preparation for the conversion to Metric (1978).
- C.66 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.5)
- provisions prohibiting the use of "radar warning devices" added to the Act; no person to carry such a device in a motor vehicle unless it is being transported in a sealed package from a manufacturer to a consignee
 - police officers empowered to stop, enter and search motor vehicles suspect of carrying a radar warning device.

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- C.4 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.1)
- provisions relating to the marking of highways, size and weight of vehicles, and regulations pertaining to street signs and mobile homes are converted from the Imperial to the Metric system (completes the metrification of the Act, commenced in 1977).
- C.16 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.2)
- Registrar empowered to order the seizure of the permit and number plates of an out of province motor vehicle or trailer for any contravention of the Act, The Public Vehicles Act or The Public Commercial Vehicles Act (purpose is to improve the enforcement of the legislation as against out of province trucks).
- C.23 An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to issue policy statements to the Ontario Highway Transport Board setting out matters to be considered by the Board when determining questions of public necessity and convenience.
- C.24 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.3)
- new residents exempted from the motor vehicle registration provisions for thirty days after becoming resident in Ontario

- Minister authorized to require the use of photographs on driver's licences
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations in respect of driver's licenses issued to "probationary drivers" (to be defined in the regulations)
- "garage businesses" deleted from the provision requiring a person to obtain a licence before operating certain types of businesses relating to motor vehicles; officers under the Act empowered to enter a garage or repair shop for the purpose of making any investigation or inspection necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act; Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations controlling the operation of a garage or repair shop as well as a motor vehicle dealership, used car lot or business for the wrecking or dismantling of vehicles (the latter three must still be licensed under the Act)
- Ministry vehicles, used by officers appointed to carry out the provisions of the Act, permitted to carry a red light
- provisions limiting width of vehicles on a highway clarified so that they apply to a vehicle including its load or contents.

C.43 An Act to acquire the Assets of The Muskoka and Parry Sound Telephone Co., Limited

- Company's telephone system transferred to the Ontario Telephone Development Corporation which shall manage and control the system subject to compensation to be paid the Company as determined under The Expropriations Act (purpose of the Act is to maintain the provision of adequate telephone service to the residents of Muskoka and Parry Sound until such time as a buyer for the Company can be found; legislation follows up on complaints of inadequate service and the decision that the Company was itself incapable of improving service).

C.46 An Act respecting the Township of Pelee

- council of the Township of Pelee authorized to establish, operate and maintain a ferry service between the Township, the Towns of Leamington and Kingsville and the City of Sandusky, Ohio (legislation enacted in response to the federal government's decision to withdraw the ferry service which it had operated between the above named points).

C.90 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.4)

- offence of driving a motor vehicle in contravention of a condition imposed on the driver's licence by regulation is created
- X- mandatory licence suspension of three years upon a third conviction of a drinking and driving offence under the Criminal Code is added to the Act
- use of identification lamps on commercial vehicles required on all highways in hours of darkness and whenever visibility is poor (purpose is to include poorly illuminated roads within municipal boundaries - previous provisions applied only outside a city, town or village)
- maximum permissible width of loads of forest products on a vehicle increased from 2.6 to 2.7 metres
- vehicles or road building machines used for snow clearing purposes exempted from maximum weight restrictions
- police officers empowered to close a highway in the event of an emergency by posting signs or causing traffic control devices to be erected as prescribed in the regulations
- provision prohibiting a driver from overtaking or passing another vehicle within 30 metres of a pedestrian crossover clarified
- .. drivers permitted to make a left turn from a one way street to a second one way street on a red light
- where a signal light shows a green arrow without a red light, a driver may move in the direction indicated, having the right of way over other vehicles and pedestrians in the intersection (where the signal shows a green arrow and a red light, the driver must still yield the right of way)
- vehicles engaged in road building or maintenance not required to yield to the right when being overtaken by another vehicle
- driver of a commercial motor vehicle, when driving on a highway at a speed exceeding 60 kilometres per hour, must not follow within 60 metres of any other vehicle (previous provision applied only to following other commercial vehicles outside of urban areas - provision designed to eliminate tailgating)

- requirements for flares, lamps and reflectors on commercial vehicles expanded so as to apply on all roads on which the maximum speed limit exceeds 60 kilometres per hour
- provision prohibiting an aircraft from taking off on a highway amended to allow a pilot who has made an emergency landing on a highway to take off again if certain specified conditions relating to visibility, clearance and traffic control are met
- * - responsibility for the operation of driver improvement programs, which operate in conjunction with traffic tribunals, transferred to the Attorney General.

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C.6 An Act to amend The Ministry of Transportation and Communications Act, 1971

- Minister authorized to delegate any power or duty under the Act to the Deputy Minister or any officer of the Ministry, without first seeking the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council; any deed or contract made by a person under such delegation has the same effect as if signed by the Minister.

C.8 An Act to amend The Local Roads Boards Act

- residents seeking boundary changes in their local roads area entitled to have the question considered at the annual board meeting; Minister to have final discretion in changing boundaries
- Boards empowered to amend the minimum annual tax, with the consent of the area landowners (purpose is to allow a Board to charge a landowner a reasonable share of the cost, irrespective of the size of his land holding).

C.9 An Act to amend The Airports Act

- Minister no longer required to obtain the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council before providing funds under an agreement to establish, construct or operate an airport.

C.43 An Act to amend The Ontario Highway Transport Board Act

- Chairman may authorize one member of the Board to hear and dispose of any rehearing or review (amendment passed in response to a court decision which held that this practice was invalid)

- an order or certificate issued by the Board will be effective if signed by a majority of members hearing the matter (amendment intended to clarify existing Board policy)
- where the Board cannot come to a majority decision after a hearing, an additional member may be brought in, with the consent of all parties; where such consent cannot be obtained, a rehearing will be held (amendment provides a remedy for split decisions).

C.44 An Act to amend The Railways Act

- changes to penalties.

C.56 An Act to amend The Public Commercial Vehicles Act (No.1)

- PCV licence exemption for transportation of goods within an "urban zone" amended to apply to a "commercial cartage zone" as designated by regulation (provides for the fact that urban areas often extend beyond municipal boundaries)
- definition of "commercial vehicle" clarified - includes an automobile when towing a trailer used for the transportation of goods for hire
- exemption from PCV licensing requirements extended to the transportation of (a) fresh fruit or vegetables grown in the continental United States, (b) ready mixed concrete and (c) domestic and municipal garbage, refuse or trash (purpose of (a) to facilitate reciprocity negotiations with U.S. jurisdictions; (b) to eliminate unwarranted cost and inconvenience on these vehicles, which are not ordinarily available on the rental market; (c) to eliminate regulation of the transportation of a product of no value, for the purpose of disposal)
- maximum penalty for operating without or outside the terms and conditions of an operating licence increased from \$1000 to \$5000 (purpose is to create an economic deterrent to unlicensed carriers)
- offence created for any person to knowingly hire or arrange for a transportation service that is not properly licensed (purpose is to deter unlicensed trucking by penalizing collusion between shippers and carriers)
- Minister empowered to grant temporary extensions to existing operating licences for a maximum of seven days, on the grounds of public necessity and convenience

- conditions on licences and certificates issued to carriers in the North Bay area, restricting operation to points either north or south of the city, abolished (purpose is to increase competition and reduce rates in the Highway 11 corridor)
- Board authorized to issue a licence for a fixed term where evidence shows the need for the service is of a temporary nature
- applications for operating licences for the transportation of goods through the Province are deemed to have met the criteria for public necessity and convenience if the applicant holds the appropriate licence issued by the provinces in which the transportation will originate and terminate (purpose is to simplify and make uniform the criteria for issuing "corridor authorities" across Canada)
- new class of PCV licence created for the carriage of lumber products originating in one or more regions of northern and eastern Ontario
- unlicensed operators who operated services on a continuing basis from October 1974 to October 1976 to be allowed to obtain probationary operating licences (purpose is to expand the effective enforcement of the licensing provisions without disrupting the services of existing unlicensed operators)
- past conduct of an applicant or licensee to be considered in any decisions to suspend or cancel a licence
- concept of "floater plates" introduced: PCV plates and operating licences to be issued to the licensee rather than to the licensee's vehicles, for those classes of vehicles and licences that may be designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (licensee would be at liberty to switch plates and licenses between vehicles operating pursuant to his operating licence - purpose is to fulfill commitments made during reciprocity negotiations with U.S. jurisdictions)
- provision prescribing that tariffs expire two years after filing repealed (purpose is to simplify the administrative process)
- Schedule A and B of the Act, setting out the statutory conditions applying to bills of lading, are repealed; new provisions respecting bills of lading require that they shall contain such information as is prescribed by regulation

(purpose is to permit implementation of a uniform Canadian bill of lading as amended from time to time by agreement of the ten provinces)

- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to issue policy statements setting out matters to be considered by the Board when determining questions of public necessity and convenience
- Minister empowered to direct the Board to investigate matters relating to transportation policy and to make reports thereon.

C.57 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.1)

- definition of "driver" amended to include a person who drives any type of vehicle and not just a motor vehicle (enacted in response to a court case where the defense argued that a bicyclist was not a driver under the previous definition - intention of the Act is that the rules of the road should apply to all drivers on the road)
- definition of "road building machinery" amended to clarify the types of vehicles which are included
- drivers required to "surrender" rather than "produce" their licence when requested to do so by a police officer (purpose is to ensure that the officer has sufficient opportunity to record the necessary information)
- vehicles meeting comparable standards under vehicle inspection programs administered by reciprocating provinces or states exempted from the provincial inspection program; Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to designate reciprocating provinces and states and the types or classes of vehicles to which the inspection program will apply (amendment anticipates the extension of the program to include all buses licensed in Ontario)
- rules as to proper securing to loads to apply to all vehicles, rather than just commercial vehicles
- exemption from March/April weight restrictions for vehicles travelling on the King's Highway extended to include a "fire apparatus"
- officers enforcing the axle weight restrictions authorized to allow the driver of a vehicle to redistribute rather than remove part of the load to comply with the standards

- "emergency vehicles", as defined in the Act, upon which a siren and flashing red light are operating, authorized to proceed through a red traffic signal, provided they first stop at the intersection
- provision made for the use of "portable lane control signal systems" during highway construction or maintenance work
- school bus operators permitted to use their own log books rather than ones issued by the Ministry
- persons prohibited from depositing snow or ice on a roadway without written permission to do so from the Ministry or road authority (purpose is to confine private snow removal operations to private property)
- school bus provisions extended so as to apply to a bus used for the transportation of mentally retarded adults to and from a training centre.

C.60 An Act to amend The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act

- definition of "public transportation" amended to include special transportation facilities for the physically disabled (purpose is to enable the Ministry to pay subsidies to municipalities for the operation of such services)
- specifications in the Act converted into Metric units.

C.87 The Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act, 1979*

- this Act, by means of specific amendments to The Insurance Act and The Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act, prohibits the owner a motor vehicle from operating or permitting the motor vehicle to be operated on a highway unless it is insured under a contract of automobile insurance
- while it is not administered by MTC, the Act does however make certain changes to the duties of the Registrar with respect to the enforcement of the Act

*N.B. This Act does not directly affect the responsibility of the Minister of Transportation and Communications; it is included here because it has a significant impact on the control and use of motor vehicles in the Province.

- "contract of automobile insurance" under The Highway Traffic Act now means a contract made with an insurer only
- penalties are provided for giving false information regarding insurance and for holding out that a vehicle is insured when it is not: penalty may include suspension of driver's license
- Registrar shall not issue, validate or transfer the permit for a motor vehicle unless a certificate of insurance evidencing that the vehicle is insured is provided.

C.97 An Act to amend The Public Commercial Vehicles Act (No.2)

- provides regulatory authority to designate regions of origin for the purposes of the new lumber products licence, and to implement the uniform Canadian bill of lading, effective 80 01 01 (both as enacted in S.O. 1979, C.56).

C.103 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (No.2)

- X- provision made for the issuance of number plates to Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations for use by registered mechanics when conducting road tests of uncertified, non-plated vehicles on which work is being done to comply with the safety standards provisions; Lieutenant Governor in Council to prescribe the activities permitted while using an "MVIS number plate"
- X- demerit point system, as it applies to unlicensed drivers, to reflect the special treatment to be given to probationary drivers (authority provided by S.O. 1978, C.24, S.3 - not yet in force): persons who do not meet the criteria for non-probationary status will be subject to the more stringent demerit point rules for probationary drivers, irrespective of whether they are licensed or unlicensed drivers
- definitions of "fire department vehicle" and "ambulance" for the purpose of Part V of the Act extended
- "cardiac arrest emergency vehicles" added to the list of emergency vehicles which may proceed through a red traffic signal.

1980 29 Elizabeth II (1st Session)

An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- all references to "solid tires" are removed
- clarification of Minister's authority to delegate powers and duties under the regulations as well as those in the Act
- references to "serial number" changed to "vehicle identification number" in keeping with current industry usage
- provisions regarding lights on motor vehicles repealed (this area is now covered by the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Canada); clearance lamp provisions amended to comply with the new federal vehicle width standards
- public utility emergency vehicles permitted to carry more than one spotlight
- authority to make regulations respecting tires expanded: Lieutenant Governor in Council may regulate the installation and placement of tires, combinations of tires on vehicles and may prescribe procedures for examining tires to determine if the standards have been met
- driving a vehicle fitted with tires that do not conform with the regulations to be an offence under the Act; officers empowered to order the driver of a vehicle to comply with the standards upon written notice
- no person to drive a motor vehicle on which the windshield or side windows have been coated with any material which substantially obscures the interior when viewed from outside
- retail sale of radar warning devices prohibited (previous ban on use only had not been completely effective)
- no person to operate on a highway a motor vehicle on which the suspension has been modified so that the height of the vehicle is more than eight centimetres higher or lower than its height at the time of manufacture
- articulated buses exempted from the maximum length restrictions applicable to other buses under the Act

- Part VIII of the Act, dealing with rate of speed, redrafted to allow for greater ease of enforcement
- regulations prescribing rates of speed to be made by the Minister rather than the Lieutenant Governor in Council
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations to control traffic on highways in territory without municipal organization where the highway is not under the jurisdiction of the Ministry; the Crown is exempted from liability for any default of the Ministry in maintaining signs controlling traffic in such territory
- rules respecting turns redrafted; provisions for multiple turning lanes added
- municipality's authority to prohibit commercial motor vehicles in the left lane of highways under its jurisdiction restricted to commercial vehicles or combinations of vehicles exceeding 6.5 metres in length (purpose is to make the provision identical to that governing provincial highways, thereby simplifying enforcement)
- owner of a vehicle can be charged and convicted of an offence under the Act, regulations or a municipal by-law regulating traffic for which the driver of the vehicle is subject to be charged (provision does not apply to moving violations and is intended to apply primarily to parking and loading violations - purpose is to offset possible implications of a pending Supreme Court decision on the validity of charging owners of vehicles under the Act)
- pedestrians' or persons in wheel-chairs liable to a fine of up to \$50 upon conviction of an offence under Part IX (Rules of the Road).

An Act to amend The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act

- Minister may make agreements with a "public utilities commission" to share the cost of a report on a local transportation system
- term of office of a member of a suburban roads commission to expire in the year following the next municipal election held after his appointment (effect is to reduce term of office from five years to two)

- members of a municipal council no longer ineligible to be members of a suburban roads commission
- "public utilities commissions" permitted to request allocation of funds for rapid transit system construction (previously, only a municipality could make such a request).

An Act to amend the Public Vehicles Act

- licensing provisions redrafted to prohibit a person from arranging the transportation of passengers by public vehicle operated by another person unless that other person holds an operating licence, and to prohibit the leasing of a bus of specified capacity for less than twenty-two days unless the bus is used within one municipality only (purpose is to prevent non-regulated carriers from avoiding the provisions of the Act under the guise of a leasing operation)
- Minister empowered to grant a special authority to the holder of an operating license on the grounds of public necessity and convenience for up to seven days (coincides with a similar amendment to the PCVA, passed in 1979)
- Board may prescribe that a license be issued for a specific term only (similar to PCVA amendment)
- past conduct of an applicant or licensee to be considered in any decision to suspend or cancel a license (similar to PCVA amendment)
- vehicle licenses to be issued to the lessor of a vehicle who is the holder of an operating license (coincides with the measures to bring lease operations under regulation)
- officers empowered to stop a bus and examine its contents and equipment for the purpose of determining whether the Act and regulations are being complied with (similar to PCVA amendment)
- maximum penalty for contraventions of the Act increased from \$200 to \$1500
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to issue policy statements respecting matters to be considered by the Board in any hearing or review held after the statement is issued.

An Act to amend The Telephone Act

- where it is in the public interest for two or more telephone systems to enter into an agreement for apportionment of tolls and the parties are unable to agree on terms, any interested telephone system may apply to the Commission and the Commission, after appropriate inquiry, will direct the terms that are to be included (purpose of the amendment is to give the Commission jurisdiction over Ontario telephone systems similar to that exercised by the CRTC over federally regulated systems).

PART II

APPENDIX TO
AN HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHWAY
LEGISLATION IN ONTARIO (1964)

AMENDMENTS TO ACTS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

1958-1961



FOREWORD

The purpose of An Historical Chronology of Highway Legislation in Ontario, 1774-1961 was to document the statutes and amendments thereto which affected "the development and progress of roads in Ontario". The chronology covered all statutes administered under the authority of the Department of Highways Act as well as other statutes which affected roads in varying degrees.

In 1957, the Department of Transport Act was enacted, creating a new department which was to take on some of the responsibilities of the Department of Highways. Accordingly, in 1958 responsibilities were divided according to whether they fell under the heading of highways or transportation. The Department of Transport therefore became responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Highway Traffic Act, Public Commercial Vehicles Act and Public Vehicles Act, among others.

As the Chronology was only concerned with Department of Highways legislation, the three aforementioned statutes were dropped from the summary from 1958 to 1961. The purpose of this Appendix therefore is to bring the Chronology fully up to date to 1961, by supplying the amendments to the three Acts administered by the Department of Transport.

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1958 6-7 Elizabeth II

C.36 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act.

- administration of Act taken over by Department of Transport
- "self-propelled implement of husbandry" defined as a motor vehicle
- definition of "roadway" added: part of the highway designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic
- definition of "urban area" added: territory contiguous to a highway not within a city, town or built-up area that is occupied by dwellings or certain types of buildings; urban areas made subject to speed limits
- Registrar to act under the instructions of the Deputy Minister as well as the Minister
- provision made for appointment of a Deputy Registrar
- volunteer fire fighter permitted to carry an amber lamp with appropriate designation on his motor vehicle
- no vehicle, including load and contents, to exceed a height of 13 feet 6 inches
- forfeiture of motor vehicle upon conviction for unlawful possession of a permit is abolished
- conviction for careless driving to carry a discretionary licence suspension of up to two years (increased from one)
- gross weight permitted on three axle vehicle raised to maximum of 40,000 pounds
- pedestrians to cross on green traffic signal only; notwithstanding this, provisions for pedestrian control signals added

- drivers permitted to pass to the right of another motor vehicle under certain conditions, notably when there are two or more lanes of traffic in each direction or when the vehicle overtaken is turning left (applies only within a city, town or village)
- no person to attach himself behind a vehicle or streetcar on a roadway
- person opening the door of a vehicle upon a highway to take due precautions
- owner of a motor vehicle not to incur penalties for moving violations except when he is also the driver
- increased penalties for subsequent convictions on Criminal Code offences provided
- any local by-law respecting motor vehicles that is inconsistent with the Act is deemed to be repealed; new by-laws must be approved by the Department
- exemption from payment of the uninsured motorist fee provided for persons who post bonds or give other security
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations providing for a demerit point system and may provide for the suspension or cancellation of licences or require the attendance of a driver to show why his licence should not be suspended under such a system
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations licensing and regulating driving instructors and driver training; such regulations to prevail over any municipal by-laws regulating same.

C.84 An Act to amend The Public Commercial Vehicles Act

- administration of Act taken over by the Department of Transport
- Minister may require a corporation holding an operating licence to present to the Board for approval any issue or transfer of its shares; where a substantial interest is issued or transferred, all operating licences held by the corporation shall be deemed to be transferred.

C.92 An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act

- administration of Act taken over by the Department of Transport
- Minister to have authority over the transfer of shares of a corporation holding an operating licence (provision identical to that enacted under the PCVA in C.85 above).

1959 7-8 Elizabeth II

C.43 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- no person to drive a motor vehicle with any object attached thereto such that it obstructs the driver's vision; exception made for equipment required under the Act or regulations
- council of a township having a population in excess of 60,000 may pass by-laws designating suburban districts and prescribing a speed limit of 30 miles per hour therein
- provision as to duty of person in charge of a motor vehicle directly or indirectly involved in an accident repealed.

C.85 An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act

- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prescribing the use of emergency exits on public vehicles, other than those exits required under the Act.

1960 8-9 Elizabeth II

C.45 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- "King's Highway" includes secondary highways and tertiary roads designated under the Highway Improvement Act
- provisions as to lamps on motor vehicles clarified and expanded
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prescribing standards and specifications for hydraulic brake fluid
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations prescribing the form and content of certificates of mechanical fitness, and also requiring or prohibiting the use of any accessory on a vehicle

- X - holders of chauffeur's licences to submit to re-examination as required
- businesses involved in the wrecking or dismantling of vehicles to be licensed by the Department
- road building machines on a highway to display the name and address of the owner
- rule for making a left turn from a one-way highway to another one-way highway added
- provision made for the use of green arrow traffic signal lights; duties of drivers facing such signals specified
- provision permitting traffic signal lights to be suspended from a bracket attached to a post on the right side of a roadway added
- driver entering an intersection to yield the right of way to other vehicles in the intersection
- drivers to stop their vehicles at least 15 feet from the nearest rail of a railway track when the signals are operating
- driver of a school bus on a highway outside a city or town required to actuate the signalling device when he is about to stop and while stopped, but shall not do so for any other purpose
- Lieutenant Governor in Council empowered to make regulations respecting school buses and their equipment, inspection and specifications and also as to the qualifications of drivers
- drivers of school buses and public vehicles required to stop at railway crossings that are not protected by gates or signals.

C.91 An Act to amend The Public Commercial Vehicles Act

- lessor of a commercial motor vehicle, operated on a highway for the transportation of goods, is deemed to be operating a public commercial vehicle if he engages or pays directly or indirectly the driver of that vehicle.

1960-61 9-10 Elizabeth II

C.34 An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act

- provision requiring the filing of a certificate of character, fitness and ability prior to the issuance of a chauffeur's licence repealed
- X - mandatory suspension provisions to apply upon conviction for criminal negligence or manslaughter committed by means of a motor vehicle as well as for criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle and driving while intoxicated
- where increased penalties provided for subsequent convictions, the word "subsequent" relates to offences committed in any five year period
- definition of "pole-trailer" and applicable weight restrictions added
- maximum gross weight of three axle vehicles increased to 42,000 pounds and to 80,000 for a combination of a three axle vehicle and semi-trailer
- semi-trailers registered prior to 61 07 01 may be moved with a gross weight not exceeding 40,000 pounds on a Class A Highway until 65 12 31
- no combination of more than one motor vehicle and one trailer, except where such combination includes a pole trailer, and no combination of vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 84,000 pounds to be moved on a highway after 65 12 31
- police officers authorized to direct traffic when necessary to ensure the orderly movement thereof or in the event of an emergency
- drivers stopped or parked on a highway, before setting the vehicle in motion, required to see that such movement can be made in safety and to give the proper signal if necessary
- "U-turns" prohibited within specified distances of curves, grades, railway crossings, bridges and tunnels
- passing to the right of another vehicle under specified conditions to be permitted outside of cities, towns and villages as well

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