

# Poll Shows People Want Stringent Traffic Laws

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A survey or poll of the opinions of nearly 10,000 people applying for California car-driver licenses, carried out in 137 offices of the State Department of Motor Vehicles during 1964, contained 33 questions. The answers to those questions provide a good consensus of what people want in the form of new California state laws, or amendments to existing state laws.

I found that the results of the poll coincide closely with the mail I have received from people living in the 46th Assembly District, which I have

represented for more than 14 years.

The majority want more stringent punishment for habitual traffic-law violators; a program of compulsory vehicle inspection; the use of radar to help law-enforcement officers catch people driving at excessively high speeds; better driver education and training; more traffic police cars which are not easily identified as police vehicles until they approach violators; and stricter laws regarding intoxicated drivers.

SIXTY-NINE per cent of the women who answered a question about intoxicated drivers, and 60 per cent of the men, want any person found driving with a blood-alcohol level above a certain point to be automatically pre-

sumed to be "under the influence of alcohol," and hence liable for punishment for driving while intoxicated. This is commonly called a "presumptive limit" law.

In response to a question as to whether or not there should be a law that anyone arrested for drunk driving be given a choice between taking a blood-alcohol test or having his driver's license automatically suspended for six months, 69 per cent of the women said "yes," and 66 per cent of the men said "yes." This type of law is commonly called an "implied consent law."

The State of California does not have either the presumptive limit law or the implied consent law. Bills (potential laws) have been introduced on these subjects in the California Legislature for many years but they were not enacted into laws because the people of California in the past have not demonstrated their desire for either the implied-consent law or the presumptive-limit law. In addition, there has been strong opposition in the past from experts who testified that the amount of alcohol which will make one person drunk does not necessarily make other people drunk.

FOR EXAMPLE, there is a case of a man who would become violently intoxicated whenever he drank one fluid ounce of whiskey, even though that fluid ounce of whiskey contained less than one-half fluid ounce of alcohol. Nevertheless, it is my personal belief that those who drive automobiles should not drink anything containing alcohol.

Questions in the survey relating to "ticket fixing" brought answers which reflect great credit on all law-enforcement officers and all judges. Eighty-one per cent of those questioned said that they had no knowledge of anyone trying to avoid trial by attempting to influence either law-enforcement officers or judges. Thirteen per cent replied that ticket-fixing is "seldom or never possible." Five per cent said it could happen "if you happen to know someone." Two per cent said ticket-fixing was accomplished "very easily."

One of the questions in the survey was: "What do you believe the minimum driving age should be?" Forty-three per cent of all who answered said that the minimum age should be 18 years. Only 39 per cent wanted the age limit left at 16 years as now provided by California law.

NINETY PER CENT of those who answered the questions said that persons under the age of 18 should be required to complete a course of driver education and "behind-the-wheel driver training" before being issued a driver's license. Seventy-one per cent said that those under 18 years of age who commit traffic offenses should be tried in traffic court like adults, although this is contrary to the present California law which provides that juveniles must be tried in juvenile court.

Ninety-three per cent of those who answered questions said that they wanted the "behind-the-wheel driver training" given in high school, just as the California law now provides.

All members of the State Assembly and the State Senate are fully aware that it is not possible to please everyone all the time. Also, we all know that there are no simple, inexpensive, quick solutions to important problems. Enacting a bill into law is merely the first step. Getting people to obey laws is the most difficult thing in this material world. All the policemen, sheriffs, California Highway Patrolmen, and judges in California cannot prevent death on the freeways, highways and streets unless our citizens, themselves, become convinced that any motor vehicle is a potentially deadly weapon. Meanwhile, the California Legislature will do its best to reduce the number of traffic tragedies.

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