

OPERATOR OR CHAUFFEUR -- License required, but no license obtainable in either case under age of eighteen.

7765 R. S. No. 1929

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Hon. F. J. Iffrig
Representative, St. Charles County
House of Representatives
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Iffrig:

Answering your letter of March 30, 1933, enclosing a letter from Mr. Joe Muellewig of St. Charles County, relative to Oliver Mahon's right to drive a bus transporting school children to and from school. In Mr. Muellewig's letter he states that Oliver Mahon, who has been or wishes to drive a school bus, is sixteen years old.

Under Section 7759, R. S. No. 1929, under the heading of "Definitions", an "operator" is defined to be, "Any person who operates or drives a motor vehicle."

Under the same section, a "chauffeur" is defined as,

"An operator (a) who operates a motor vehicle in the transportation of persons or property, and who receives compensation for such service in wages, salary, commission or fare, or (b) who as owner or employee operates a motor vehicle carrying passengers or property for hire."

Both, an "operator" and "chauffeur" are required to secure a license.

Section 7766, R. S. No. 1929, states,

"No certificate as a registered operator shall be issued to any person under the age of eighteen years."

Section 7765, R. S. No. 1929, states that,

"No certificate of registration as chauffeur shall be issued to any person under the age of eighteen years."

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It is our opinion from the foregoing that no one under the age of eighteen years can operate a bus for school districts that carry pupils backward and forward, as he cannot secure a license as a "chauffeur" on account of his age, and it would be illegal for him to drive a bus under that age.

Very respectfully,



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