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into effect when the acts of the recent legislature are published and the Governor has made the certificate that the acts are effective, however, Chapter 258 will not go into effect by its terms until January 1, 1950.

Each of these acts undertakes to amend Section 25 of the Acts of 1945 concerning motor vehicles. Your attention, however, is called to the fact that the amendment of Section 25 in Chapter 258 will never become effective because it is an attempt to amend a section that has already been amended by Chapter 169. However, there is but little difference between the two amendments.

However, neither Chapter 169 nor 258 undertakes to change or modify the charges for driver's licenses and for infants. These are determined by the amendment to the 1945 Act found in the Acts of 1947, Section 63, and the charges are the same as those referred to in the answer to your question number one.

I think the above fully answers the questions that you have propounded.

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OFFICIAL OPINION NO. 72

August 1, 1949.

Mr. Deane E. Walker,
State Superintendent of Public
Instruction,
State House,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 1, 1949, has been received requesting an official opinion as to whether or not the commission on general education of the Indiana State Board of Education must pass on modifications or additions to existing school buildings, and if it has the authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding such additions and modifications of such buildings.

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Chapter 170 of the Acts of 1949 contains an emergency clause and became effective July 1, 1949, and in part provides:

“SECTION 1. In addition to its other powers and duties prescribed by law, the commission on general education of the Indiana State Board of Education shall adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary and reasonable concerning the adequacy of all new school sites and buildings *or any modification of or addition to existing school buildings* as will meet the demands of an efficient and successful educational program for the state and its various communities.” (Our emphasis.)

“SEC. 4. All new school sites acquired, all proposed new buildings, *all proposed modifications of and all additions to existing school buildings shall comply with the rules and regulations herein provided for.*” (Our emphasis.)

“SEC. 5. All rules and regulations made by the general commission of the Indiana State Board of Education shall be in conformity with Chapter 120 of the 1945 Acts and shall not conflict with the code or rules established by the administrative building council, the state board of health, or the state fire marshal's office.

“SEC. 6. Where new schoolhouses are proposed, *and old ones are to be remodeled*, school officials shall submit their separate projects to the director of the Division of Schoolhouse Planning for review and approval before proceeding with such plans. Final approval shall come from the general commission of the Indiana State Board of Education on recommendation of the state superintendent of public instruction and shall be in harmony with the rules and regulations set up by the aforesaid commission.” (Our emphasis.)

The statutes must be construed in their plain, ordinary and usual meaning unless a contrary purpose clearly appears. Section 1-201, Burns' 1933.

Dreves v. Oslo School Twp. (1940), 217 Ind. 388, 397.

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A statute clear and unambiguous on its face needs no construction but should be given force and effect. Section 4502, Sutherland Statutory Construction, 3rd Edition.

Hood v. State (1906), 167 Ind. 622, 624;
1945 Ind. O. A. G., Page 372, Official Opinion
No. 92.

The foregoing provisions of said statute are clear and unambiguous and from their plain wording authority is given the commission on general education of the Indiana State Board of Education to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary regarding approval by the director of the Division of Schoolhouse Planning of the Indiana State Board of Education of any proposed modifications of or additions to existing school buildings, including the site therefor.

However, attention is called to Section 5 of said act which provides that any rules and regulations made by the General Commission of the Indiana State Board of Education shall not conflict with the codes or rules established by the Administrative Building Council, the State Board of Health, or the State Fire Marshal's Office.

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OFFICIAL OPINION NO. 73

August 1, 1949.

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of Dental Examiners,
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Dear Dr. Frech:

Your letter of July 25, 1949, received requesting an official opinion which may be summarized as follows:

An Indianapolis dentist died in February, 1949. His widow is attempting to sell the office and has hired a dentist to