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No. 3 of 1974

An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act, 1961-1973.

[Assented to 21st March, 1974]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Road Traffic Act Amendment Act, 1974". Short titles.

(2) The Road Traffic Act, 1961-1973, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

(3) The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Road Traffic Act, 1961-1974".

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1974.

Commencement.

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from the definition of "axle" the passage "forty inches" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "1 metre";

Amendment of principal Act, s. 5—
Interpretation.

(b) by striking out from the definition of "barrier line" the passage "six inches" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "150 millimetres";

and

(c) by striking out from the definition of "school omnibus" the passage "four inches" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "100 millimetres".

4. Section 20 of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection (4).

Amendment of principal Act, s. 20—
Works on roads.

Repeal of
s. 48 of
principal Act
and enactment
of section in
its place—

5. Section 48 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section is enacted and inserted in its place:—

General speed
limit.

48. A person shall not drive a vehicle at a greater speed than 110 kilometres an hour.

Penalty: One hundred dollars.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 49—
Speed limits.

6. Section 49 of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection:—

(1) A person shall not drive a vehicle at a greater speed than—

- (a) 60 kilometres an hour in a municipality, town or township;
- (b) 30 kilometres an hour while passing a school omnibus that has stopped on a road apparently for the purpose of permitting children to board or alight;
- (c) 30 kilometres an hour on a portion of a road that is between signs bearing the word "School" at a time when children proceeding to or from a school are on that portion of the road;
- (d) 30 kilometres an hour when approaching, and within 30 metres of, a pedestrian crossing at which flashing lights are for the time being in operation and at the approach to which there is erected a sign bearing the words "School Crossing Ahead" or words to that effect;
- (e) 30 kilometres an hour on a portion of a road between signs placed to indicate works in progress pursuant to section 20 of this Act;
- (f) 10 kilometres an hour when proceeding from land abutting on a road into that road;
- (g) 10 kilometres an hour when passing a tramcar that has, in the course of a journey in the same direction as the vehicle, stopped for the purpose of allowing passengers to board or alight;

or

- (h) 10 kilometres an hour when the vehicle is on a ramp or jetty leading to a ferry.

Penalty: One hundred dollars.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 50—
Speed limit
in zones.

7. Section 50 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (2) the passage "thirty-five miles an hour" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "60 kilometres an hour".

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 51—
Speed of motor
cycles carrying
pillion
passengers.

8. Section 51 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (1) the passage "forty-five miles per hour" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "70 kilometres an hour".

9. Section 61 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:—

Amendment of principal Act, s. 61—
Driving on footpaths.

(3) A person shall not operate a self-propelled wheelchair on a footpath at a speed exceeding 10 kilometres an hour.

Penalty: Fifty dollars.

10. Section 74a of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage “two hundred yards” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “200 metres”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 74a—
Signalling device to be switched off after turn completed.

11. Section 78 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (2) the passage “ten feet and not more than forty feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “3 metres and not more than 12 metres”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 78—
Duty to stop at signs.

12. Section 81 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (1) the passage “ten feet and not more than forty feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “3 metres and not more than 12 metres”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 81—
Certain vehicles to stop at railway crossings.

13. Section 83 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of principal Act, s. 83—

(a) by striking out from subsection (2) the passage “fifteen feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “6 metres”;

Vehicles standing on roads.

and

(b) by striking out from subsection (3) the passage “fifteen feet” wherever it occurs and inserting in lieu thereof in each case the passage “6 metres”.

14. Section 94a of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (3) the passage “two feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “600 millimetres”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 94a—
Portion of body protruding from vehicle.

15. Section 99 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage “two hundred yards within six feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “200 metres within 2 metres”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 99—
Facing by cyclists.

16. Section 106 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (4) the passage “and a mile post and a sign indicating the direction or distance of any town or place” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “and a post or sign indicating the direction or distance of any town or place”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 106—
Damage to roads and works.

17. Section 107 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from paragraph (c) the passage “six feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “2 metres”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 107—
Damage to road surface.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 109—
Tyres.

18. Section 109 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage “one hundred pounds per square inch” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “the maximum pressure permitted by regulation in relation to a pneumatic tyre of the relevant type or design”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 111—
Duty to carry
lamps and
reflectors.

19. Section 111 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (2) the passage “two hundred yards” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “100 metres”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 112—
Head lamps.

20. Section 112 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from subsection (1) the passage “five feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “1.5 metres”;

and

(b) by striking out from subsection (2) the passage “five feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “1.5 metres”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 114—
Rear lamp on
overhanging
loads.

21. Section 114 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage “three feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “1 metre”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 117—
Clearance
lamps on
motor vehicles.

22. Section 117 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from subsection (2) the passage “seven feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “2.2 metres”;

and

(b) by striking out from subsection (2) the passage “six inches” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “150 millimetres”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 118—
Clearance lamps
on vehicles
other than
motor vehicles.

23. Section 118 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (1) the passage “seven feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “2.2 metres”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 122—
Duty to dip
headlamps.

24. Section 122 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage “three hundred yards” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “200 metres”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 135—
Mechanical
signals on
certain
vehicles.

25. Section 135 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from paragraph (b) the passage “seven feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “2.2 metres”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 140—
Length of
vehicles.

26. Section 140 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage “sixty-six feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “20.17 metres”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 141—
Width of
vehicles.

27. Section 141 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from subsection (1) the passage “eight feet two and a half inches” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “2.5 metres”;

(b) by striking out from paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) the passage "eight feet two and a half inches" wherever it occurs and inserting in lieu thereof in each case the passage "2.5 metres";

(c) by striking out from subsection (3) the passage "eighteen inches" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "300 millimetres";

and

(d) by striking out from paragraph (b) of subsection (4) the passage "six inches" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "150 millimetres".

28. Section 142 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage "fourteen feet" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "4.3 metres".

Amendment of principal Act, s. 142—
Height of vehicles.

29. Section 144 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of principal Act, s. 144—
Duty to comply with rules as to loads.

(a) by striking out from paragraph (a) of subsection (1) the passage "twenty hundredweights" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "1 tonne";

(b) by striking out from paragraph (a) of subsection (1) the passage "each hundredweight" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "every 50 kilograms";

(c) by striking out from paragraph (b) of subsection (1) the passage "twenty hundredweights" first occurring and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "1 tonne";

(d) by striking out from paragraph (b) of subsection (1) the passage "each of the first twenty hundredweights" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "every 50 kilograms of the first tonne of the excess";

and

(e) by striking out from paragraph (b) of subsection (1) the passage "each additional hundredweight" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "every additional 50 kilograms".

30. Section 149 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from paragraph (b) the passage "one and a quarter inches" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "32 millimetres".

Amendment of principal Act, s. 149—
Requirements for metal tyres.

31. Section 152 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from paragraph (a) of subsection (1) the passage "five miles" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "8 kilometres".

Amendment of principal Act, s. 152—
Duty of driver as to weighing vehicles and loads.

32. Section 153 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from paragraph (a) of subsection (1) the passage "five miles" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "8 kilometres".

Amendment of principal Act, s. 153—
Duty of owner as to weighing vehicle unladen.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 156—
Unloading of
excess weight.

33. Section 156 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from paragraph (a) of subsection (1) the passage “ten hundredweights” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “500 kilograms”;

and

(b) by striking out from paragraph (b) of subsection (1) the passage “thirty hundredweights” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “1.5 tonnes”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 157—
Requirements
as to towing.

34. Section 157 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from paragraph (a) of subsection (1) the passage “twelve feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “4 metres”;

and

(b) by striking out from paragraph (d) of subsection (1) the passage “200 yards” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “200 metres”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 158—
Number of
trailers or
towed vehicles.

35. Section 158 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from paragraph (a) of subsection (1) the passage “two tons” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “2 tonnes”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 159—
Vehicles used
for carrying
passengers for
hire.

36. Section 159 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from paragraph (a) of subsection (2) the passage “fifteen miles” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “25 kilometres”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 162b—
Prohibition of
sale of re-
grooved tyres.

37. Section 162b of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage “three tons” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “3 tonnes”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 162c—
Safety helmets.

38. Section 162c of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (1) the passage “fifteen miles per hour” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “30 kilometres an hour”.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 169—
Duty of court
to disqualify
driver for
certain
offences.

39. Section 169 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (1) the passage “sixty miles an hour” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “110 kilometres an hour”.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

M. L. OLIPHANT, Governor