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An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act, 1961.

[Assented to 12th December, 1963.]

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, 1963". Short titles.

(2) The Road Traffic Act, 1961, as amended by this Act may be cited as the "Road Traffic Act, 1961-1963".

(3) The Road Traffic Act, 1961, is hereinafter called the principal Act.

2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation.

3. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 162 thereof:— Enactment of s. 162a of principal Act—

162a. (1) Except as provided by regulations made under subsection (9) of this section this section shall apply to every motor vehicle— Safety Belts.

(a) which has seating accommodation for one or more persons sitting by the side of the driver either on the same seat or on a separate seat; and

(b) which is registered for the first time after the thirtieth day of June, 1964.

(2) A person shall not drive a vehicle to which this section applies if in any respect the vehicle does not comply with the requirements of this section and the specifications prescribed by the Board as to seat belts and anchorages for seat belts.

Penalty : Twenty-five pounds.

(3) Every vehicle to which this section applies must be fitted with—

- (a) an anchorage for a seat belt suitably placed for use by the driver ;
- (b) at least one other anchorage for a seat belt suitably placed for use by another person sitting on the same seat as the driver or on a separate seat by the side of the driver's seat ; and
- (c) a seat belt suitably placed for use by the driver and at least one other seat belt placed for use by another person sitting on the same seat as the driver or on a separate seat by the side of the driver's seat :

Provided that the requirements of paragraph (c) of this subsection shall not apply or take effect until after a date to be specified by the Governor by proclamation.

(4) Every seat belt and seat belt anchorage fitted to a motor vehicle pursuant to this section shall comply with such specifications as are prescribed by the Board.

(5) The Board by notice in the *Gazette*—

- (a) shall prescribe specifications as to the design, materials, strength, construction, and mode of installation of seat belts and anchorages and as to any other matters relating to seat belts and anchorages which it deems necessary ;
- (b) may vary or revoke any such specifications ;
- (c) may prescribe alternative or optional specifications.

(6) A person shall not after the thirtieth day of June, 1964, sell or offer for sale a seat belt or fitting to or part of a seat belt which does not comply in any respect with any specification prescribed pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.

Penalty : Fifty pounds.

(7) The Board may approve of the seat belts and anchorages fitted to any particular motor vehicle although they do not comply with the gazetted specifications. If they are so approved they shall be deemed to comply with the specifications prescribed by the Board.

(8) Seat belts and anchorages fitted pursuant to this section must be maintained in sound condition and good working order.

(9) The Governor may by regulations declare that any vehicles or class of vehicles indicated in the regulations or any vehicles used in circumstances so indicated shall be exempt from the other provisions of this section.

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

EDRIC BASTYAN, Governor.