

Road Safety (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

- Clause 1 states the purpose of the Act.
- Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act.

PART 2—AMENDMENT OF ROAD SAFETY ACT 1986

- Clause 3 enables certain civilians employed in the police force to inspect motor vehicles and trailers and prohibit their use on highways.
- Clause 4 by sub-clauses (1) and (3) applies the demerits points register provisions to holders of learner permits. Sub-clause (2) has the effect that demerit points are removed from the driver licence register when drivers complete a 12 months' 'good driving option' and provides extra periods of suspension for drivers with more than 12 demerit points.
- Clause 5 clarifies the application of the proper offence with which to charge people who are caught driving after their licence has been cancelled and a period of disqualification imposed.
- Clause 6 applies a zero blood alcohol requirement for persons who do not possess a full licence for the category of vehicle being driven even if they possess a full licence for another category of vehicle.
- Clause 7 widens the grounds for notice of objection to a drink driving or excessive speeding infringement notice.
- Clause 8 empowers the making of Regulations enabling number plates to be issued by way of auction or tender.

PART 3—AMENDMENT OF TRANSPORT ACT 1983

- Clause 9 amends the **Transport Act 1983** to transfer responsibility for bus licensing from the Roads Corporation to the Secretary to the Department of Infrastructure and corrects a legislative anomaly in respect of tow trucks.

Clause 10 deletes an obsolete speeding provision relating to roadwork sites.

Clause 11 provides for transitional arrangements.

PART 4—AMENDMENT OF OTHER ACTS

Clause 12 amends the **Impounding of Livestock Act 1994** to enable the Roads Corporation to authorise people by category to act as its officers for the purposes of that Act.

Clause 13 amends the **Road Transport Charges (Victoria) Act 1995** with respect to fees payable on registration or renewal of registration.

Clause 14 amends the **Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995** to provide a more flexible commencement provision in view of a delay in the development of national regulations.