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**The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

- 1 Title**  
This Act is the Road User Charges Amendment Act **2009**.

- 2 Commencement**  
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.
- 3 Principal Act amended**  
This Act amends the Road User Charges Act 1977. 5

### Part 1

#### Amendment to preliminary provision

- 4 Interpretation**  
Section 2(1) is amended by inserting the following definition in its appropriate alphabetical order: 10  
“**light electric motor vehicle** means a motor vehicle whose motive power is wholly or partly derived from an external source of electricity and whose gross laden weight is 3.5 tonnes or less”.

### Part 2

#### Amendments to Part 1 of principal Act

- 5 Power to alter rates of road user charges by Order in Council**  
Section 20 is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (1): 20  
“(1A) An Order in Council made under this section that increases all or any of the rates of road user charges specified in Schedule 3 comes into force 42 days after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, or on any later date that may be specified in the order.” 25
- 6 New section 21 inserted**  
The following section is inserted after section 20:
- “21 Distance and supplementary licences for certain motor vehicles become invalid 1 month after road user charge rate increased** 30
- “(1) This section applies if a road user charge rate specified in Schedule 3 is increased under section 20 or by any other Act.

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“(2) Despite any other provision of this Act, a distance licence or supplementary licence ~~issued for a motor vehicle whose gross laden weight is more than 3.5 tonnes before~~ for a motor vehicle whose gross laden weight is more than 3.5 tonnes issued before the increase comes into force is no longer valid after the expiry of 1 month from the date of the increase.” 5

**7 Regulations and Orders in Council**

(1) Section 24(1) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (g):

“(ga) prescribing for the purposes of section 4(c), motor vehicles (including light electric motor vehicles) that are exempt from this Part.”. 10

(2) Section 24 is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (1):

“(1A) Regulations made under **subsection (1)(ga)** relating to light electric motor vehicles— 15

“(a) must specify a date on which the exemption expires; and

“(b) may, from time to time, be amended to provide for a later date.”

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**Legislative history**

23 June 2009	Introduction (Bill 51–1)
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27 July 2009	Reported from Transport and Industrial Relations Committee
4 August 2009	Second reading
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