



ANNO QUINTO

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No. 35 of 1956.

An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act, 1934-1955.

[Assented to 15th November, 1956.]

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, 1956". Short titles.
 (2) The Road Traffic Act, 1934-1955, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Road Traffic Act, 1934-1956".
 (3) The Road Traffic Act, 1934-1955, 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. (1) Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act shall come into operation on the day on which this Act is assented to. Commencement of Act.
 (2) The Governor may by proclamation fix a day or days on which all or any of the provisions of this Act, other than sections 1, 2 and 3, shall come into operation, and those provisions shall come into operation on the day or days so fixed.
 (3) The increased penalties prescribed by sections 10 and 15 of this Act shall apply only in cases of offences committed after those sections respectively come into operation.

Amendment of
s. 7b of
principal Act—
Permits to
drive vehicles
pending
registration.

4. Section 7b of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word “ten” in the second line of subsection (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the word “fourteen”.

Enactment of
s. 7e of
principal Act—

5. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 7d thereof :—

Permits for
journeys by
unregistered
vehicles not
normally used
on roads.

7e. (1) The registrar may in his discretion upon payment of a fee of five shillings grant to any person a permit permitting any vehicle specified in the permit and being a vehicle which is ordinarily used on land other than roads to be driven along a road on one or more journeys between such places and at such times as are specified in the permit.

(2) Any such permit may contain provisions exempting any person from the duty to comply in respect of the vehicle with any specified provisions of this Act.

(3) Every such permit shall be subject to such terms conditions and restrictions as the registrar inserts therein.

(4) A permit granted under this section shall be sufficient authority for any act or omission done or made in accordance with its terms and conditions.

(5) A person shall not contravene or fail to observe a term or condition of a permit granted to him under this section.

Penalty : Fifty pounds.

(6) If any term or condition of a permit granted under this section is contravened or not observed the permit shall be and be deemed at all times to have been void.

Amendment of
s. 27 of
principal Act—
Traders' plates.

6. Subsection (11) of section 27 of the principal Act is amended by adding after paragraph (c) thereof the following paragraph :—

(ca) in the case of a limited trader's plate issued to a manufacturer of agricultural machinery, a person engaged or employed (whether as a servant of the manufacturer or as an independent contractor or as a servant of an independent contractor) to haul agricultural machines in the course of the business of that manufacturer.

Amendment of
s. 42 of
principal Act—
Lights on
motor vehicles.

7. Subsection (1A) of section 42 of the principal Act is repealed and the following subsection is inserted in lieu thereof :—

(1a) (a) In this subsection—

“articulated motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle having at the rear thereof a portion

on wheels which is pivoted on and partly superimposed on the forward part of the motor vehicle :

“rigid motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle other than an articulated motor vehicle.

In calculating the width of a vehicle or trailer for the purpose of this subsection, or the extent to which a vehicle or trailer projects laterally, any load or equipment carried on the vehicle or trailer and projecting beyond its side shall be regarded as part of the vehicle or trailer.

- (b) Every rigid motor vehicle which is seven feet or more in width, and every articulated motor vehicle irrespective of its width, and every trailer which projects more than six inches laterally on either side beyond the motor vehicle by which it is drawn shall be equipped with two front clearance lamps and two rear clearance lamps complying with this subsection.
- (c) Every articulated motor vehicle shall also be equipped on the front part of the semi-trailer with two clearance lamps complying with this subsection.
- (d) Front clearance lamps, and clearance lamps on the front part of a semi-trailer shall display an amber light to the front of the vehicle.
- (e) Rear clearance lamps shall display a red light to the rear of the vehicle.
- (f) Front clearance lamps shall be affixed one on each side of the vehicle or trailer and each such lamp shall be within twelve inches of the foremost part of the side on which it is affixed.
- (g) Rear clearance lamps shall be affixed one on each side of the vehicle or trailer and each such lamp shall be within twelve inches of the rearmost point of the side on which it is affixed.
- (h) Clearance lamps on the front part of a semi-trailer shall be affixed one on each side of that front part.
- (i) Every clearance lamp shall be affixed in such a position that no part of the vehicle or trailer on the side on which the lamp is affixed projects more than six inches laterally from the centre of the lamp.

- (j) Every rear clearance lamp shall be not less than two feet and not more than five feet above the level of the ground on which the vehicle or trailer stands.
- (k) The light from a clearance lamp shall be visible in clear atmospheric conditions at a distance of two hundred yards therefrom.

Amendment of
s. 42c of
principal Act—
Reflecting
mirrors.

8. Section 42c of the principal Act is amended by striking out in subsection (1) thereof the words "along the carriage-way of the road behind the vehicle, for at least one hundred yards on a straight road" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "of the approach of any vehicle about to overtake such motor vehicle".

Amendment of
s. 43a of
principal Act—
Speed of
vehicles with
pillion
passengers.

9. Section 43a of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection (1) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection:—

(1) Any person who drives a two-wheeled motor cycle carrying any person in addition to the driver—

(a) at a greater speed than twenty-five miles an hour on a road within a municipality town or township; or

(b) at a greater speed than thirty-five miles an hour on a road outside a municipality town or township;

shall be guilty of an offence.

Amendment of
s. 64 of
principal Act—
Penalty.

10. Section 64 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word "twenty" in the last line and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty".

Enactment of
s. 122a of
principal Act—

11. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 122:—

Duty of persons
crossing tram
lines.

122a. (1) In this section—

"tramway land" means land (other than a road) on which a tram line is laid.

"tramway crossing" means—

(a) a place where a road intersects tramway land; or

(b) any other crossing constructed over tramway land.

(2) If a person crosses or attempts to cross or rides or drives or attempts to ride or drive a vehicle or animal across a tramway crossing—

- (a) carelessly ; or
- (b) in such a manner or at such a time as to give rise to the possibility of a collision between that person, vehicle or animal and any tram which is on the tram line at or in the vicinity of the crossing ; or
- (c) when warned not to do so by an employee of the Municipal Tramways Trust ; or
- (d) when any mechanical or electrical or other warning device at or in the vicinity of the crossing is operating, unless he is directed by an employee of the Municipal Tramways Trust to proceed across the line,

he shall be guilty of an offence.

12. Section 130b of the principal Act is amended as follows :—

Amendment of
s. 130b of
principal Act—
Stop signs at
crossings.

- (a) after the word “Commissioner” in the first line the words “or the Municipal Tramways Trust” are inserted ;
- (b) at the end of subsections (2) and (2a) the words “or tram line” are inserted ;
- (c) in the third line of subsection (2c) the word “railway” is struck out and the word “level” inserted in lieu thereof ; and
- (d) in subsection (3) after the word “railway” the words “or a tram line which on both sides of such road is laid on land other than a road,” are inserted.

13. Section 133 of the principal Act is amended by inserting therein after subsection 2a the following subsection :—

Amendment of
s. 133 of
principal Act—
Speeds.

(2b) If any person rides or drives a vehicle or animal on a road leading to a ferry at a greater speed than six miles an hour within twenty yards of the ferry he shall be guilty of an offence.

Amendment
of s. 134 of
principal Act—
Driving
signals.

14. Section 134 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by adding at the end of subsections (1) and (2) in each case the words “or by some other permitted method”; and
- (b) by adding after subsection (4) thereof the following subsection :—

(4a) Regulations made under section 61 of this Act may prescribe permitted methods (whether by the use of mechanical or electrical devices or lights or otherwise) of indicating the intention of a driver or rider of a motor vehicle to turn to the right, slow down, or stop, and any matters relating to the construction, design and standards of any devices, lights or other apparatus used for the purpose of such indication.

Amendment of
s. 158 of
principal Act—
Penalty.

15. Section 158 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word “twenty” in the last line and inserting in lieu thereof the word “fifty”.

Amendment of
s. 174 of
principal Act—
Speed limit of
heavy
vehicles.

16. Section 174 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting the word “motor” after the word “commercial” in the second line of subsection (1);
- (b) by striking out paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraphs :—
- (b) if the aggregate weight of the vehicle and of every trailer drawn thereby exceeds seven tons but does not exceed eleven tons—twenty-five miles an hour;
- (c) if the aggregate weight of the vehicle and of every trailer drawn thereby exceeds eleven tons—twenty miles an hour.

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

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.