Motor Car (Learner Drivers) Bill 1982

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 contains the citation and commencement provisions. The Principal Act is the *Motor Car Act* 1958.

Clause 2 contains the definitions of certain expressions to be inserted in the Principal Act.

Clause 3 simplifies the language used in certain provisions of the Principal Act relating to types of licences and, in paragraph (*h*), enables the Board to require applicants for driver's licences to undergo tests conducted by the Board or by some other person.

Clauses 4 *and* 5 make consequential amendments.

Clause 6 simplifies the language used in the provisions of section 22c of the Principal Act relating to offences for driving a motor vehicle while not being the holder of a licence or permit.

Clause 7 substitutes a new section 23AA in the Principal Act.

Provision is made for a new schemes for testing applicants for motor cycle learners' permits and for the permit to be an endorsement on a motor car learners' permit or licence.

The Bill provides for the establishment of motor cycle training centres and the structuring of courses offered by them. The centres will issue certificates of competence and will be recognized by the Transport Regulation Board as evidence of an applicant's ability to drive a motor cycle.

Provision to require applicants for motor cycle learners' permits to undergo new tests is included. These tests relate to the applicant's knowledge of proper techniques for riding, and ability to handle and control, a motor cycle. An applicant will not be required to undergo the riding skill test if resident outside a radius of 40 kilometres from a testing office of the Board with facilities to conduct the test.

Regulation making powers are included to fix fees with a maximum limit specified for one appointment, all tests and issue of a permit, endorsed permit or the making of an endorsement.

Clause 8 makes consequential amendments.

Clause 9 substantially re-enacts sub-section 25 (1) of the Principal Act incorporating consequential amendments.

Clauses 10 *to* 12 make consequential amendments.

Clause 13 makes consequential amendments to section 93 and provides regulation making powers with respect to the operation of the motor cycle training centres provided for in Clause 7.

Clause 14 introduces certain transitional provisions.

Clause 15 makes certain consequential amendments to the *Motor Car* (*Drivers' Licences*) *Act* 1981.

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