Western Australia

Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2001

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(As amended during consideration in detail)

Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2001

A Bill for

An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act 1974.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Road Traffic Amendment Act 2001.

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2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation on a day fixed by proclamation.

3. The Act amended

The amendments in this Act are to the *Road Traffic Act 1974**.

[* Reprinted as at 17 September 1999. For subsequent amendments see 2000 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 393, and Act Nos. 39 and 51 of 2000.]

4. Sections 103A and 103B inserted

After section 103 the following sections are inserted in Part VI —

103A. Power to include areas in the scope of specified regulations

- (1) The Minister may declare that a regulation specified in the declaration applies to a specified area of the State that is open to or used by the public.
- (2) A declaration has effect for the period specified in it unless it is sooner revoked.

20 **103B.** Power to grant exemptions from specified regulations

- (1) The regulations may provide for the Minister to declare, in writing in accordance with the regulations, that a specified requirement of the regulations does not apply to a specified person or vehicle.
- (2) The regulations may provide for the Director General to grant exemptions from provisions of the regulations prescribing standards for vehicles.

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5. Section 111 amended

Section 111(2)(d) is deleted and the following paragraphs are inserted instead —

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- (d) prescribing standards for vehicles, including standards relating to —

 (i) the design construction efficiency as
 - (i) the design, construction, efficiency and performance of, and the equipment to be carried on, vehicles;
 - (ii) the attachment of operational or safety devices;
 - (iii) mass and dimension limits of vehicles and their loads:
 - (iv) roadworthiness;
 - (v) safety, emissions and noise;
 - (vi) the coupling of trailers and motor vehicles;
 - (vii) the identification of vehicles or components of vehicles;
 - (viii) loading and unloading and securing of loads;
 - (ix) vehicles whose size, mass or load exceeds limits set by the regulations;
 - (x) security of vehicles and the equipment to be fitted to vehicles for the purposes of security; and
 - (xi) the keeping and production of records;
- (daa) applying, adopting or incorporating, with or without modification, any instrument or writing relating to vehicle standards, as in force or existing at the time the regulations take effect;

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6. Section 111A inserted

After section 111 the following section is inserted —

111A. Adoption of other laws, codes etc.

- (1) Regulations made under section 111 may adopt, either wholly or in part or with modifications
 - (a) a national standard determined under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* of the Commonwealth; or
 - (b) any of the standards, rules, codes or specifications of the body known as Standards Australia or a similar specified body.
- (2) If any subsidiary legislation, standard, rule, code or specification is adopted under subsection (1), it is adopted as in force from time to time unless the regulations specify that a particular text is adopted.

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