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NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY ACT, 2019

AN ACT to establish a National Road Safety Authority to develop and promote road safety in the country, to co-ordinate and regulate activities, procedures and standards related to road safety and to provide for related matters.

PASSED by Parliament and assented to by the President:

Establishment of the National Road Safety Authority

Establishment of the Authority

1. (1) There is established by this Act a body corporate with perpetual succession to be known as the National Road Safety Authority.

(2) For the performance of its functions, the Authority may acquire and hold movable and immovable property, dispose of property and enter into a contract or any other related transaction.

(3) Where there is a hindrance to the acquisition of immovable property, the immovable property may be acquired for the Authority under the State Lands Act, 1962 (Act 125) and the cost shall be borne by the Authority.

Object of the Authority

2. The object of the Authority is to reduce the incidence of road crashes, fatalities and injuries through

- (a) the promotion of road safety,
- (b) the development and co-ordination of policies in relation to road safety, and
- (c) the implementation of standards for road safety.

Functions of the Authority

3. (1) To achieve the object under section 2, the Authority shall perform the following functions:

- (a) develop a long term plan for the promotion of road safety and the reduction of road traffic deaths and injuries and collaborate with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority, road agencies, enforcement agencies, crash response agencies and road transport service providers to implement the plan;
- (b) undertake nationwide road safety education, campaigns and publicity;
- (c) collaborate with the Ghana Education Service and other relevant bodies to develop road safety education as part of the curriculum for pre-tertiary level schools and colleges of education;
- (d) carry out special projects for the improvement of road safety;
- (e) co-ordinate, monitor and evaluate road safety activities, programmes and strategies;
- (f) develop and maintain a comprehensive database on road safety for the information of the public;
- (g) promote studies, research, surveys and analysis for road safety improvement and publish reports and information relating to road safety;
- (h) ensure compliance with any laid down road safety standards and procedures for the development, use and provision of any road safety related infrastructure, service or undertaking;

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- (i) collaborate with the Building and Road Research Institute, any regulatory body responsible for road transport, the Standards Authority and other bodies with relevant knowledge and expertise on road safety to develop standards for road safety equipment and ensure compliance with the standards;
- (j) issue notices in the form of directives, procedures or cautions to persons to provide for or correct irregularity in procedures, standards, practices and operations in order to prevent or minimize road traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries;
- (k) recommend to the Minister the minimum standards and guidelines for the safe use of roads by all categories of road users that the Authority may consider necessary;
- (l) establish the procedure for road safety audit with the road authorities and collaborate with the road agencies to ensure implementation of findings of road safety audits in accordance with existing design, construction and maintenance procedures and standards for the provision of road infrastructure;
- (m) liaise with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority, road agencies, enforcement agencies, District Assemblies and any other public or private bodies that the Authority may determine to ensure compliance with existing procedures and standards to reduce the risk of road traffic crashes in the design, construction and use of public roads;
- (n) receive complaints and investigate violations of road safety standards and best practices and advise the Minister on the measures required to prevent or minimise the road safety risks;
- (o) in consultation with the Minister, monitor the importation and sale of road safety equipment or devices for the safe use of roads;
- (p) collaborate with foreign and international bodies that the Authority considers necessary to achieve the object of this Act; and
- (q) perform any other function that is necessary for the attainment of the object of the Authority.