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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 8th September 2014 and assented to by the President on 10th October 2014:—

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No. 28 of 2014.

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,
President.
10th October 2014.



An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 2004 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2(1) of the Road Traffic Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “cart”, the following definition:

“ “Commissioner of Police” means the public officer appointed under section 6(1) of the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “Minister” and substituting the following definition:

“ “Minister” means —

(a) except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), the Minister charged with the responsibility for transport;

(b) for the purposes of the whole of Parts II and III and sections 75(1), 112(1), (3) and (4), 113(1) and (2), 114(1), 116(2), 121(2) and 143(3) and (11), the Minister charged with the responsibility for home affairs; and

(c) for the purposes of sections 131B(7), 132(7), 135(2), 140(1) and (2), 142 and 142A(1), the Minister charged with the responsibility for transport or the Minister charged with the responsibility for home affairs, as appropriate;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “public service vehicle”, the following definition:

““registered medical practitioner” has the same meaning as in the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174);”.

Amendment of section 35

3. Section 35 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following subsection:

“(4) An application for a grant or renewal of a driving licence shall be made in such form as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may design and utilise.”;

- (b) by deleting subsection (6) and substituting the following subsections:

“(6) Subject to the provisions of this Part as to tests of competence to drive and as to the physical fitness of applicants for driving licences, the Deputy Commissioner of Police shall, upon payment of the prescribed fee (if any), grant a licence to any person who —

(a) applies for it in the prescribed manner; and

(b) declares in writing that the person is not disqualified by any reason (age or otherwise) from obtaining the licence.

(6A) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may, upon payment of the prescribed fee (if any), renew the driving licence of any person who holds a driving licence authorising him to drive a class or description of a motor vehicle if the Deputy Commissioner of Police is satisfied that the person has passed the whole or such part of the prescribed test of competence to drive that class or description of vehicle as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may require.”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “subsection (6)” in subsection (7), the words “or renew a licence under subsection (6A)”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the word “grant” in subsection (7)(b), the words “or renew”;
- (e) by deleting subsection (10) and substituting the following subsections:

“(10) Subject to the provisions of this Act, unless earlier revoked or surrendered —

- (a) a driving licence granted to a person who is, or a renewed driving licence of a person who becomes, a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore remains in force for the lifetime of that person; and
- (b) a driving licence granted to, or a renewed driving licence of, a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore remains in force for a period of 5 years beginning on the date of such grant or renewal, as the case may be, or such shorter period as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may specify in any particular case.

(10A) Notwithstanding subsection (10) but subject to the other provisions of this Act, a driving licence referred to in subsection (10)(a) or (b) ceases to be in force when the person who holds the driving licence attains any of the prescribed ages applicable to the person, unless before attaining such age —

- (a) the person undergoes the prescribed medical examination and is duly certified by a registered medical practitioner as being physically fit to drive a motor vehicle of the class or description in that licence; and
- (b) the person passes the whole or such part of the prescribed test of competence to drive as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may require for the person to drive a motor vehicle of the class or description in that licence.”;

- (f) by deleting subsection (12);
- (g) by deleting the words “, or may renew it for a period shorter than that provided for in subsection (10)(a) or (b),” in subsection (13);
- (h) by deleting subsection (16) and substituting the following subsection:

“(16) Where a person’s driving licence has ceased to be in force for a period of 3 years or more, the Deputy Commissioner of Police must not grant another driving licence to the person authorising him to drive a class or description of motor vehicle unless —

- (a) the person passes the test of competence to drive referred to in section 36(1); or
 - (b) the Deputy Commissioner of Police is satisfied that, at any time within 3 years before the date that the person applies for the other driving licence, the person held a driver’s certificate or licence granted by the competent authority in any country other than Singapore authorising the person to drive a motor vehicle of that class or description.”;
- (i) by inserting, immediately after the word “grant” in subsection (19), the words “or renew”; and
 - (j) by inserting, immediately after subsection (19), the following subsection:

“(20) In this section, “permanent resident of Singapore” means a person who holds a valid entry permit under section 10 of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133) or a valid re-entry permit under section 11 of that Act.”.