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An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 1997 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 2002 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 35

2. Section 35 of the Road Traffic Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (7) and substituting the following subsections:

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

(a) a driving licence or a renewal thereof granted to a person who is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore shall remain in force for the lifetime of that person; and

(b) a driving licence or a renewal thereof granted to a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore shall remain in force for a period not exceeding 5 years from the date of such grant.

(7A) Subsection (7) shall not apply to a provisional licence referred to in section 36(3).

(7B) In subsection (7), “permanent resident” means a person who is not subject to any restriction as to his period of residence in Singapore imposed under the Immigration Act (Cap. 133).”; and

(b) by deleting the words “for a period of one year only notwithstanding that the applicant has elected to renew it for 3 years” in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th lines of subsection (8) and substituting the words “for a period shorter than that provided for in subsection (7)(a) or (b)”.

Amendment of section 37

3. Section 37 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (8), the following subsection:

“(9) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules, a driving licence or a renewal thereof referred to in section 35(7)(a) or (b) shall cease to be valid when the licence holder attains any of the prescribed ages, unless he has, before attaining such age, undergone the prescribed medical examination and is duly certified by a medical practitioner as being fit to drive a motor vehicle.”.

Amendment of section 45

4. Section 45 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (8), the following subsection:

“(9) In addition to the power conferred on the Deputy Commissioner of Police by subsection (1), if a person who holds a driving licence —

- (a) fails to comply with any process of court issued against him in respect of any offence committed by him under this Act or the rules or any written law specified in Part II of the First Schedule; or
- (b) is arrested under a warrant of court in connection with an offence under this Act or the rules or any written law specified in Part II of the First Schedule and the offence has not been tried and determined by the court,

the Deputy Commissioner of Police may, as he thinks fit, suspend the driving licence held by that person until he is satisfied that that person has complied with the process of court referred to in paragraph (a) or until the offence referred to in paragraph (b) has been tried and determined by the court, as the case may be.”.

Amendment of section 47

5. Section 47(3) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “and”, the words “, in the case only of a driving licence suspended under section 45(1),”.

Amendment of section 47C

6. Section 47C of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1A), the following subsection:

“(1B) Where a person drives a motor vehicle on a road or other public place and whilst so driving causes any serious injury or death