

# **Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill**

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An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 1985 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 1990 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Amendment of section 9**

2. Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the word “President” wherever it appears in subsections (1), (2) and (4) and substituting in each case the word “Minister”.

### **Amendment of section 10**

3. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Except as otherwise provided by this Act or the rules, no person shall keep or use a vehicle unless it has been registered under this Act and its registration under this Act has not been cancelled.”.

### **New section 10A**

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 10, the following section:

#### **“Vehicles not to be registered without permits issued by Registrar**

**10A.**—(1) No vehicle shall be registered or continue to be registered under this Act unless there is in force a permit issued by the Registrar authorising the registration of the vehicle.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by this Act or the rules, a permit shall be issued upon the payment of a levy.

(3) The Minister may from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe a limit on the number of permits to be issued by the Registrar under subsection (1) and the Minister may prescribe different limits for vehicles belonging to any category, class or description.

(4) The Minister may make rules for carrying out or giving effect to this section and, without prejudice to the generality of this provision, the rules may —

- (a) provide for the issue of permits under this section to successful applicants who submitted bids for the permits;
- (b) require fees and deposits to be paid for the submission of applications for the issue of permits under this section, and provide for the forfeiture of deposits for non-compliance with any conditions governing the submission of such applications;
- (c) prescribe the levy, or the method or manner for determining the amount of the levy, payable for a permit issued under this section;
- (d) prescribe the period for which a permit issued under this section is in force and different periods may be prescribed for vehicles belonging to different categories, classes or descriptions;
- (e) prescribe the conditions upon which permits are issued under this section;
- (f) provide for the cancellation of a permit issued under this section and the refund of all or part of the levy paid for the issue of the permit in such circumstances as may be permitted by the rules;
- (g) impose a levy on the transfer of a permit at any time prior to the registration of a vehicle authorised by the permit;
- (h) provide for the issue of permits, whether with or without the payment of a levy, for vehicles which were registered under this Act prior to the commencement of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 1990;
- (i) exempt any particular vehicle or class of vehicles from the payment of the levy for a permit issued under this section; and
- (j) provide for all matters which are required or permitted to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this section.”.

### **Amendment of section 11**

5. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (6), the following subsections:

“(7) Any person who gives any incorrect information in relation to any matter affecting the amount of tax chargeable under this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, and the court shall order him to

pay to the Registrar the amount of tax which has been undercharged.

(8) The Registrar may, in his discretion, compound any offence punishable under subsection (7) by collecting from the person reasonably suspected of having committed the offence a sum of money not exceeding \$1,000 and the amount of the tax undercharged, and may before judgment stay or compound any proceedings thereunder.”.

## **Amendment of section 12**

6. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Where any vehicle not registered under this Act is kept or used on any road in Singapore by a person who is —

- (a) a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) a resident of Singapore; or
- (c) the holder of a work permit or an employment pass issued under the Immigration Act [Cap. 133],

the tax chargeable under section 11(1)(a) shall be paid in respect of the vehicle by the person keeping or using it in Singapore as if that vehicle is first registered and used in Singapore.”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(3) For the purposes of this section, a person is deemed to be a resident of Singapore if he —

- (a) has been granted the status of a permanent resident of Singapore by the competent authority, even though he may not have a place of residence in Singapore; or
- (b) resides in Singapore for a continuous period of 6 months and any temporary period or periods of absence during that period is immaterial.”.

## **Amendment of section 19**

7. Section 19(3) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “application” at the end of paragraph (a), the words “and all fees and taxes due and payable in respect of the vehicle and any penalty recoverable from the registered owner of the vehicle under this Act or the rules have been paid”.

## **Repeal and re-enactment of section 27**