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Read the first time on 23rd February 1966.

An Act to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1961 (No. 26 of 1961).

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, 1966, 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 of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1961 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Ordinance”) is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “park” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

“ “park” means to bring a motor vehicle to a stationary position and cause it to wait for any purpose other than that of immediately taking up or setting down persons, goods or luggage;”.

Amendment of section 6

3. Section 6 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

(a) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(2) No person who is a resident of Singapore shall possess or use a motor vehicle in respect of which a licence authorising its use is first issued outside Singapore after the 1st day of January 1966,

until such fees as are prescribed have been paid to the Registrar.”;

- (b) by renumbering the existing subsection (2) thereof as subsection (3); and
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (3) thereof the following new subsections: —

“(4) A motor vehicle in respect of which a licence authorising its use is first issued outside Singapore after the 1st day of January 1966, and which is in the possession of, or is used by, a resident of Singapore shall, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of section 44, be deemed to be a motor vehicle in respect of which a licence or a general licence under this Part is not in force until the fees referred to in subsection (2) have been paid.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (2) and (4) the decision of the Registrar as to whether a person is a resident of Singapore shall be final.”.

Amendment of section 8

4. Section 8 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “It shall be the duty of the Registrar on receipt of such applications and declarations and on payment of such fees as are prescribed to issue licences for vehicles other than bicycles and to register bicycles” appearing in the first, second, third, and fourth lines of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the words “The Registrar shall not be required to issue licences for vehicles other than bicycles, and to register bicycles without such declarations and the payment of such fees as are prescribed”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsections: —

“(2A) The Registrar may refuse to issue a licence for a motor vehicle or may cancel a licence which has been issued if, after giving the owner an opportunity of making any representation he may wish to make, he has reason to believe that the motor vehicle in respect of which the application has been made or that the motor vehicle referred to in such licence has been or is intended to be used for an unlawful purpose or in an unlawful manner.

(2B) Any person who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Registrar under subsection (2A) may, within twenty-one days of

being notified of the decision appeal to the Minister, and on such appeal the Minister may make such order as he deems fit. Any order made by the Minister under this subsection shall be final and shall not be called into question in any court.

(2C) The provisions of subsection (2B) shall not apply to any person who acquires a motor vehicle after the licence in respect of such motor vehicle has been cancelled by the Registrar under subsection (2A).

(2D) The decision of the Registrar under subsection (2A), as to the cancellation of a licence which has been issued, shall take effect —

- (a) where there is no appeal against such decision, twenty-three days after the posting of the registered letter notifying the owner of such decision;
- (b) in the event of an appeal against such decision, three days after the posting of the registered letter notifying the owner of the order of the Minister under subsection (2B) confirming such decision.

(2E) The Registrar shall, where the licence of a motor vehicle has been cancelled under subsection (2A), endorse the registration book of such motor vehicle on the date such cancellation takes effect in accordance with subsection (2D).”.

Amendment of section 9

5. Subsection (1) of section 9 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “first” appearing in the first line thereof; and
- (b) by deleting the colon appearing at the end of the eleventh line thereof and substituting therefor a full-stop and by deleting the proviso thereto.

Amendment of section 44

6. Section 44 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the word “shall” appearing in the fourth line of subsection (1) thereof the expression “, subject to the provisions of section 6”; and
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (2) thereof the following new subsections: —

“(3) A person who has in his possession, or comes into possession of, or uses a motor vehicle in respect of which a licence issued under the provisions of any law in Malaysia relating to motor vehicles is in force shall inform the Registrar, within such period as may be prescribed, if he is resident in Singapore or takes up residence in Singapore.

(4) A person shall be deemed to have taken up residence in Singapore if he resides in Singapore for a continuous period exceeding six months.

(5) The Registrar may, by notice in writing, require any such person, whether or not he shall have provided the requisite information to the Registrar under the provisions of subsection (3) to apply for a licence under the provisions of this Part for any such motor vehicle upon the expiry of any licence in respect of such motor vehicle issued in Malaysia.

(6) Any motor vehicle in respect of which a notice has been served under the provisions of subsection (5) shall, if no licence has been issued in respect of such motor vehicle under the provisions of this Part upon the expiry of any licence issued in Malaysia, be deemed to be a motor vehicle in respect of which a licence or general licence under this Part is not in force.

(7) Upon the expiry of the licence of a motor vehicle which was first licensed outside Singapore, but in respect of which the licence fees are paid to the Registrar, the Registrar —

- (a) may license it under this Ordinance without an application being made therefor;
- (b) shall cause it to be registered and issued with a separate number and mark under section 9;
- (c) shall by notice in writing require the person in possession of it to fix such mark upon it.

(8) The provisions of subsection (3) of section 9 shall apply to any person driving or having charge of a motor vehicle in respect of which a notice has been served by the Registrar under paragraph (c) of subsection (7).

(9) For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4), the decision of the Registrar as to whether a person is resident in Singapore or has taken up residence in Singapore shall be final.