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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 7 February 2017 and assented to by the President on 13 March 2017:—

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No. 10 of 2017.

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,

President.

13 March 2017.



An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 2004 Revised Edition), to validate certain sums collected for the purposes of that Act, and to make related amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act (Chapter 189 of the 2000 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.—(1) This Act is the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2017 and, except for section 2, comes into operation on a date that the Minister charged with the responsibility for land transport appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

(2) Section 2 is deemed to have come into operation on 22 January 2016.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Road Traffic Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “and the operation of bus interchanges”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2(1) of the principal Act is amended —

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

““automated vehicle technology” means any particular technology that —

(a) relates to the design, construction or use of autonomous motor vehicles; or

(b) otherwise relates to advances in the design or construction of autonomous motor vehicles;

“autonomous motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle equipped wholly or substantially with an autonomous system (also commonly known as a driverless vehicle), and includes a trailer drawn by such a motor vehicle;

“autonomous system”, for a motor vehicle, means a system that enables the operation of the motor vehicle without the active physical control of, or monitoring by, a human operator;”;

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- (b) by deleting the definition of “Deputy Commissioner of Police” and substituting the following definition:

“ “Deputy Commissioner of Police”, in relation to any provision of this Act or rules or any other subsidiary legislation made under this Act, means the Deputy Commissioner of Police designated by the Commissioner of Police for the purposes of that provision, and includes any police officer who —

- (a) is not below the rank of sergeant; and
 - (b) is authorised under the hand of the Deputy Commissioner of Police for the purposes of that provision, to exercise the powers of that Deputy Commissioner of Police;”;
- (c) by deleting the word “transport” in paragraphs (a) and (c) of the definition of “Minister” and substituting in each case the words “land transport”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “sections 75(1),” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “Minister”, “82,”;
- (e) by deleting the words “home affairs” in paragraphs (b) and (c) of the definition of “Minister” and substituting in each case the words “law and order”;
- (f) by deleting the definition of “motor vehicle” and substituting the following definition:

“ “motor vehicle” means a vehicle that —

- (a) is propelled wholly or partly by a motor or by any means other than human or animal power; and
 - (b) is used or intended to be used on any road;”;
- (g) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “police officer”, the following definition:

“ “participate”, in relation to an autonomous motor vehicle trial regulated under section 6C, means —

- (a) undertake the trial; or
- (b) operate an autonomous motor vehicle in the trial;”;
- (h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “police officer”, the following definition:

“ “power-assisted bicycle” means a bicycle that —

- (a) is equipped with an electric motor; and
- (b) may be propelled by human power or by the electric motor with which it is equipped, or by both;”;
- (i) by deleting the definition of “tricycle” and substituting the following definition:

“ “tricycle” means a vehicle with 3 wheels that —

- (a) has pedals;
- (b) is built to be propelled solely by human power by use of those pedals; and
- (c) is constructed or adapted for the carriage of goods only;”.

Amendment of section 4

4. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) For the purposes of this Act and the rules, motor vehicles are classified into the classes prescribed by an order in the *Gazette* made by the Authority, with the approval of the Minister.

(2) The Authority may from time to time, with the approval of the Minister, by order in the *Gazette*, amend an order made under subsection (1).

(2A) Each class of motor vehicle prescribed may be subdivided into one or more subdivisions according to weight, construction, nature of tyres, use or otherwise as described in the order made under subsection (1).

(2B) All orders made under this section are to be presented to Parliament as soon as possible after publication in the *Gazette*.”.

Amendment of section 5

5. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(3A) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to or in relation to the use of wholly or substantially autonomous motor vehicles operated with automated vehicle technology.”;

(b) by deleting subsection (5) and substituting the following subsections:

“(5) A person who alters (whether in the course of repair or otherwise) a vehicle or trailer so as to render its condition such that the use of the vehicle or trailer in that condition would be unlawful by virtue of this section, shall be guilty of an offence.

(5A) It is presumed, until the contrary is proved, that a person alters (whether in the course of repair or otherwise) a vehicle or trailer as to render its condition such that the use of the vehicle or trailer in that condition would be unlawful by virtue of this section (called in this section non-compliant) if it is proved —

(a) that the accused had possession of the vehicle or trailer;

(b) that the vehicle or trailer was not non-compliant when the accused acquired possession of it; and