

Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 1999
(No. 1 of 1999)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 20th January 1999 and assented to by the President on 26th January 1999:—

ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ACT 1999

(No. 1 of 1999)

I assent.

ONG TENG CHEONG,
President.
26th January 1999.

Date of Commencement: 1st March 1999

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 1999 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 Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "driving licence" in subsection (1), the following definition:

““foreign driving licence” means a driving licence or permit (not being a provisional driving licence or permit) issued by a competent authority in another country between which and Singapore there is in force a treaty for the recognition of driving licences or permits issued in the countries which are parties to the treaty;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word "Act," in the first line of subsection (2), the words "except sections 38(1) and 47F(4),".

Amendment of section 35

3. Section 35 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1A); and
(b) by deleting subsection (8) and substituting the following subsection:

“(8) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may refuse to renew any driving licence, or may renew it for a period of one year only notwithstanding that the applicant has elected to renew it for 3 years, if he is satisfied —

- (a) that the holder of the driving licence has not complied 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 Schedule; or
(b) that the holder of the driving licence has, pursuant to a warrant of court, been arrested in connection with an offence under this Act or the rules or any written law specified in Part II of the Schedule and the offence has not been tried and determined by the court.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 38

4. Section 38 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Recognition of foreign driving licences and driving permits held by members of visiting forces

38.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for a person resident outside Singapore who is temporarily in Singapore and who holds a valid foreign driving licence to drive in Singapore during a period of 12 months from the date of his last entry into Singapore a motor vehicle of the class or description which the foreign driving licence authorises him to drive, notwithstanding that he does not hold a driving licence granted under this Part.

(2) It shall be lawful for —

- (a) a member of a visiting force; or
- (b) a member of a civilian component of such visiting force,

who holds a driving permit issued to him by a competent authority of the country of the visiting force to drive in Singapore a motor vehicle belonging to the country of the visiting force which is of the class or description specified in the driving permit, notwithstanding that he does not hold a driving licence granted under this Part.

(3) In subsection (2), "visiting force" and "civilian component" shall have the same meanings as in the Visiting Forces Act (Cap.344).”.

Amendment of section 42

5. Section 42 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) Where a person (referred to hereinafter as the offender), is convicted of an offence under section 160, 304, 304A, 323, 324, 325, 326, 341, 342, 350, 352, 426 or 427 of the Penal Code (Cap. 224) and —

- (a) at the time of the commission of the offence the offender was the driver or was in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place;
- (b) the person against whom the offence was committed was the driver of another vehicle on the road or public place, a passenger in that other vehicle or a pedestrian on the road or public place;
- (c) the court convicting the offender of the offence is satisfied that the commission of the offence arose from or was connected with a dispute between the offender and that other person over the use of the road or public place; and
- (d) having regard to the circumstances under which the offence was committed and the behaviour of the offender, the court is of the