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Expenditure of Public Money

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An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 1997 Revised Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Public Transport Council Act (Chapter 259B 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. This Act may be cited as the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2001 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 11

2. Section 11(4A) of the Road Traffic Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “may” in the 1st line, the words “, subject to such conditions as he thinks fit to impose,”.

Amendment of section 11A

3. Section 11A of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “motor car” wherever they appear in the following subsections and substituting in each case the words “motor vehicle”:

Subsections (1) (2nd, 3rd and 5th lines), (3) (1st, 3rd, 7th and 12th lines) and (4) (2nd, 5th and 7th lines);

- (b) by deleting the word “cars” in the 2nd and 3rd lines of subsection (2)(b) and substituting in each case the word “vehicles”; and
- (c) by deleting the word “car” in the 4th line of subsection (3) and substituting the word “vehicle”.

Amendment of section 21

4. Section 21 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “the period of 14 days following”.

Amendment of section 28

5. Section 28 of the principal Act is amended —

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

“(1) Any person being a manufacturer or repairer of or a dealer in vehicles may apply to the Registrar in the prescribed manner to be allowed, in lieu of taking out a licence under this Part for each vehicle kept or used by him, to take out a general licence in respect of all vehicles kept or used by him.

(1A) Subject to subsection (4), the Registrar, upon receiving an application under subsection (1), may —

- (a) if satisfied as to the bona fides of the applicant; and
- (b) on payment by the applicant of the prescribed levy,

issue a general licence to the applicant either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as the Registrar thinks fit to impose.”;

- (b) by deleting the words “motor vehicle” in the 2nd line of subsection (2) and substituting the word “vehicle”;

- (c) by deleting the words “as may be prescribed” in the 2nd line of subsection (4) and substituting the words “as the Registrar may require”;
- (d) by deleting the words “motor vehicle” in paragraph (a) and in the 1st line of paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and substituting in each case the word “vehicle”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after subsection (6), the following subsections:
 - “(6A) The Registrar may suspend or revoke a general licence if he is satisfied —
 - (a) that the issue of the licence has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation; or
 - (b) that the person to whom the general licence was issued has contravened or failed to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or the rules or with any condition of the general licence.
 - “(6B) Upon the suspension or revocation of a licence under subsection (6A), the holder of the general licence shall surrender the general licence to the Registrar.”;
- (f) by deleting subsection (7) and substituting the following subsection:
 - “(7) If any person is aggrieved by the refusal of the Registrar to issue a general licence or by the suspension or revocation of a general licence, he may appeal to the Minister.”; and
- (g) by deleting subsections (9), (10) and (11) and substituting the following subsection:
 - “(9) Any order made by the Minister under subsection (8) shall be final.”.

New section 28A

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 28, the following section:

“Special purpose licences

28A.—(1) Any person intending to keep or use any vehicle for purposes of research and development or for any other special purpose may apply to the Registrar for a licence (referred to hereinafter as a special purpose licence) allowing him so to keep or use such vehicle on a road.

(2) Sections 10 and 11 shall not apply in respect of a vehicle that is licensed

under this section.

(3) Upon receiving an application under subsection (1) and upon payment by the applicant of the prescribed levy, the Registrar may issue a special purpose licence to the applicant either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as the Registrar thinks fit to impose.

(4) The Registrar may suspend or cancel a special purpose licence if the vehicle in respect of which the special purpose licence has been issued is kept or used in contravention of —

- (a) any of the provisions of this Act or the rules; or
- (b) any of the conditions subject to which the special purpose licence was issued.

(5) The Registrar shall not issue a special purpose licence in respect of any vehicle until the applicant for the special purpose licence has produced to the Registrar such evidence as the Registrar may require that either —

- (a) for the period of the special purpose licence there will be in force such policy of insurance or security as is required by law in relation to the use of the vehicle by the applicant or by any other person on his order or with his permission; or
- (b) the vehicle is a vehicle to which section 3 of the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act (Cap. 189) does not apply at any time when it is being driven by the owner thereof or by an employee of his in the course of his employment or when it is otherwise subject to the control of the owner.

(6) A special purpose licence issued to any person under this section shall not be transferable to any other person and the holder of any such special purpose licence who transfers or attempts to transfer his licence to any other person shall be guilty of an offence.”.

Amendment of section 29

7. Section 29(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “motor vehicles” in the 5th line and substituting the word “vehicles”.

New section 29A

8. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 29, the following section: