

Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill

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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 1998 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(1) of the Road Traffic Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the definition of “Minister” and substituting the following definition:

“ “Minister” means —

- (a) except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), the Minister for Communications;
- (b) for the purposes of the whole of Parts II and III and sections 63(2) and (3), 74, 75, 76, 112 to 116, 121 and 123, the Minister for Home Affairs; and
- (c) for the purposes of sections 132, 133(7), 134, 135(2), 140(1) and (2) and 142, the Minister for Communications or the Minister for Home Affairs, as appropriate;”.

New Part IA

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after Part I, the following Part:

“PART IA

USER CHARGES

Interpretation of this Part

34A. In this Part —

“authorised officer” means any officer authorised by the Registrar;

“prescribed hours” means such hours as the Minister may prescribe for the levying of a road-user charge in respect of any specified road;

“road-user charge” means the charge payable for riding, driving or moving a motor vehicle on a specified road during the prescribed hours;

“specified road” means any road or part thereof as may be specified in rules made under this Part;

“stored value card” has the same meaning as in the Banking Act (Cap. 19).

Levying of road-user charge

34B.—(1) The Minister may prescribe road-user charges to be paid in connection with the use of any specified road.

(2) All road-user charges collected under this Part shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Electronic or computerised or other charge collecting facilities

34C. The Authority may install or cause to be installed on any road in respect of which a road-user charge is levied under this Part such electronic or computerised or other facilities as it thinks fit for the purpose of collecting the road-user charge and may also install or cause to be installed such ancillary facilities as the Authority thinks necessary.

Rules for purposes of this Part

34D.—(1) The Minister may make rules for the purposes of carrying this Part into effect and, in particular, may make rules —

- (a) specifying the roads in respect of which, and the days and hours during which, a road-user charge shall be levied;
- (b) prescribing the amount of road-user charge to be levied in respect of any specified road and for this purpose, road-user charges of different amounts may be prescribed in respect of —

- (i) different specified roads or parts thereof;
 - (ii) different hours of the day or different days of the week; and
 - (iii) different classes, categories or descriptions of vehicles;
- (c) prescribing the manner in which road-user charges shall be levied and collected, including the use of electronic or computerised or other facilities therefor, and for this purpose, the rules may —
 - (i) require all vehicles (whether registered in Singapore or elsewhere) to be installed with such devices and appurtenances and in such manner as may be prescribed before they may be ridden, driven or moved on a specified road during the prescribed hours;
 - (ii) provide for the issue by the Authority or its agents of stored value cards to be used with any device prescribed under sub-paragraph (i), regulate the use of such stored value cards and prohibit the issue of such stored value cards by any person not authorised by the Authority to do so;
 - (iii) prohibit the sale, supply, installation, repair or maintenance of any device or appurtenance prescribed under sub-paragraph (i) by any person not authorised by the Registrar to do so;
 - (iv) specify the conditions under which any device or appurtenance prescribed under sub-paragraph (i) may be removed from one vehicle and installed in another or transferred from one person to another; and
- (d) prescribing the records to be kept by the Registrar in connection with this Part and regulating the disclosure by the Registrar of any information in such records.

(2) Where a person is convicted of an offence under the rules, the court before which such person is convicted may, in addition to the punishment prescribed for the offence, order him to pay the amount of road-user charge as may be certified by an officer appointed by the Authority in that behalf to be due from such person at the date of such conviction and such amount may be recovered according to the law for the time being in force for the recovery of fines.