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An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 92 of the 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 1985 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 36

2. Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) A driving licence shall not be granted to any applicant unless he passes the prescribed test of competence to drive.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Deputy Commissioner of Police may grant a driving licence to an applicant who satisfies him that at some time within 3 years before the date on which he makes the application he has held a driver’s certificate or licence issued by the competent authority in any country authorising him to drive motor vehicles of the class or description which he would be authorised to drive by the licence applied for.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), for the purpose of enabling the applicant for a driving licence to learn to drive a motor vehicle with a view to passing a test under this section, the Deputy Commissioner of Police may, if so requested by the applicant and on payment of the prescribed fee, grant to the applicant a provisional licence to be in force for a period of 6 months, which licence shall be in the prescribed form and granted subject to the prescribed conditions; and if any person to whom such a provisional licence is granted fails to comply with any of the conditions subject to which it is granted, he

shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) A provisional licence to drive a motor cycle shall not be granted to any applicant after the commencement of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 1985 unless he has completed a prescribed course of training to enable him to obtain a provisional licence.”; and

(b) by renumbering the existing subsections (3) and (4) as subsections (5) and (6), respectively.

Amendment of section 38

3. Section 38 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “driving licence” in the second line, the words “other than a provisional licence to drive a motor cycle”.

Amendment of section 49

4. Section 49 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “the property” in the seventh line and substituting the words “in the possession”.

Amendment of section 70

5. Section 70(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “section 68 or 69” in the first and second lines and substituting the words “section 68, 69 or 71A”.

Amendment of section 71

6. Section 71 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “110 milligrammes” and substituting the words “80 milligrammes”.

New section 71A

7. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 71, the following section:

“Breath tests

71A.—(1) A police officer may require any person driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle on a road or other public place to provide forthwith a specimen of his breath for a breath test, if the police officer has reasonable cause —

(a) to suspect him of having alcohol in his body; or

(b) to suspect him of having committed a traffic offence while the vehicle