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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2018

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2018 and come into operation on 22 June 2018.

New rule 6

2. The Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules (R 14) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 5A, the following rule:

“Front windscreen to be kept clear

6.—(1) A driver of a public service vehicle must ensure that no item or other thing is placed in or on the vehicle such that the front windscreen of the vehicle is obstructed or obscured in a way that —

- (a) hinders or obstructs the view of the driver when the driver is driving the vehicle; or
- (b) affects the driving ability of the driver in any other way.

(2) In this rule, “public service vehicle” means any motor vehicle that is licensed under the Act to be used as a public service vehicle.”.

Deletion of rule 14 and new Part IIA

3. Rule 14 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules is deleted and the following Part substituted therefor:

“PART IIA

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT IN
PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

Definitions for this Part

14. In this Part —

“audio recording equipment” includes any equipment with an audio recording capability or function that is not disabled;

“disable” means to deactivate or deliberately render ineffective a capability, or a function, of a piece of equipment;

“disclose”, in relation to recordings, includes to provide access to the recordings;

“install”, in relation to a vehicle, means to permanently or temporarily affix, secure or otherwise place, a piece of equipment in a fixed position for service or use in or on any part of the vehicle;

“public service vehicle” means any motor vehicle that is licensed under the Act to be used as a public service vehicle other than —

(a) a motor vehicle licensed as an omnibus and used to provide one or more regular route services; or

(b) a motor vehicle licensed as a private bus;

“regular route service” has the meaning given by the Bus Services Industry Act 2015 (Act 30 of 2015);

“visual recording equipment” includes any equipment with a visual recording capability or function that is not disabled.

No acoustic, radio or television equipment in public service vehicles

14A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person must not install, or cause or permit to be installed —

- (a) any acoustic equipment;
- (b) any radio equipment; or
- (c) any television equipment,

in or on a public service vehicle without the prior written permission of the Registrar.

(2) A person may install the following equipment in any public service vehicle for the purpose or in the manner as follows:

- (a) a radio telephone for communicating to the driver a booking or instruction to convey a passenger for the purpose of gain;
- (b) a radio, with or without a cassette player, which is mounted and secured on the dashboard of the vehicle.

Installation or use of audio recording equipment in or on public service vehicles

14B.—(1) Except as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3), a person must not install, or cause or permit to be installed, any audio recording equipment in or on a public service vehicle.

(2) A person may install, or cause or permit to be installed, the following audio recording equipment in or on any public service vehicle:

- (a) a mobile telephone;
- (b) an audio recording equipment which is also a visual recording equipment and which is installed in accordance with rule 14C(2)(b) or (3);
- (c) any other audio recording device —
 - (i) that cannot record any sound, or absence of sound, within the vehicle; and