



New South Wales

Road Transport Amendment (Medicinal Cannabis) Bill 2023

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to create a defence for users of medicinal cannabis for the offence relating to driving while a prescribed illicit drug is present in a person's oral fluid, blood or urine.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 amends the *Road Transport Act 2013* to provide that it is a defence to the offence relating to driving while a prescribed illicit drug is present in a person's oral fluid, blood or urine if the only drug present was delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, also known as THC, that the person obtained and administered for medicinal purposes.