MOTOR TRAFFIC (SHARED TRAFFIC ZONES) AMENDMENT BILL 1986

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the General Traffic (Shared Traffic Zones) Amendment Bill 1986.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Motor Traffic Act 1909 so as to prohibit motor vehicles from travelling at more than 10 kilometres per hour in public streets or parts of public streets designated as shared traffic zones under the General Traffic Act 1900 and to provide for other matters of a consequential, ancillary or minor nature.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act will, with minor exceptions, commence at the same time as the proposed General Traffic (Shared Traffic Zones) Amendment Act 1986 commences.

Clause 3 is a formal provision which gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to the Motor Traffic Act 1909 ("the Principal Act").

Schedule 1 (1) amends section 2 of the Principal Act, which defines certain expressions used in that Act. The amendment adopts the definition of "shared traffic zone" that is to appear in section 4 of the General Traffic Act 1900.

Schedule 1 (2) amends section 4A of the Principal Act which prescribes the speed limits applicable to public streets. The amendment provides for a 10 kilometres per hour speed limit for shared traffic zones.

Schedule 1 (3) consequentially amends section 4D of the Principal Act, which relates to the erection or display of traffic control signs.

Schedule 1 (4) amends section 11A of the Principal Act which relates to the transfer of number-plates. The amendment is consequential on the insertion of proposed section 22A into the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act 1931 (Schedule 1 (6) to the State Transport (Co-ordination) Amendment Bill 1986).

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No. , 1986

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Motor Traffic Act 1909 for the purpose of providing for the regulation of motor traffic within shared traffic zones designated under the General Traffic Act 1900, and for other purposes.

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

5 Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Motor Traffic (Shared Traffic Zones) Amendment Act 1986".

Commencement

- 2. (1) Sections 1 and 2 shall commence on the date of assent to this 10 Act.
 - (2) Except as provided by subsection (1), this Act shall commence on the commencement of the General Traffic (Shared Traffic Zones) Amendment Act 1986.

Amendment of Act No. 5, 1909

15 3. The Motor Traffic Act 1909 is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1

(Sec. 3)

AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT 1909

20 (1) Section 2 (Interpretation)—

Section 2 (1), definition of "Shared traffic zone"—

After the definition of "Regulation", insert:

"Shared traffic zone" has the meaning ascribed to that expression in section 4 of the General Traffic Act 1900.

SCHEDULE 1—continued

AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT 1909—continued

- (2) Section 4A (Speed limits)—
 - (a) Section 4A (2)—

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Omit the subsection, insert instead:

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the speed limit—
 - (a) is 60 kilometres per hour for a length of public street (not being within a shared traffic zone) for which provision is made for it to be lit by street lighting and to which no direction given under subsection (3) applies;
- (b) is 100 kilometres per hour for a length of public street (not being within a shared traffic zone) for which no provision is made for it to be lit by street lighting and to which no direction given under subsection (3) applies;
- (c) is 10 kilometres per hour for a length of public street that is within a shared traffic zone; and
- (d) where the length of public street is the subject of a direction given under subsection (3)—is the speed specified in the direction.
- (b) Section 4A (3)—
- After "public street" where firstly occurring, insert "(not being within a shared traffic zone)".
- (c) Section 4A (5A)—

After section 4A (5), insert:

(5A) In any proceedings in any court, evidence that a sign indicating the existence of a shared traffic zone is, with respect to a length of public street that is within the zone, displayed in accordance with regulations made for the purposes of section 4D shall be prima facie evidence that the speed limit applicable to shared traffic zones applies to that length of public street.

SCHEDULE 1—continued

AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT 1909—continued

- (3) Section 4D (Traffic control signs)—
 - (a) Section 4D (1)—

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After "section" where secondly occurring, insert "and a reference to a public street includes a reference to a public street or part of a public street for the time being designated as a shared traffic zone in accordance with section 7A of the General Traffic Act 1900".

(b) Section 4D (2)—(2B)—

Omit section 4D (2), insert instead:

- 10 (2) The Traffic Authority may, by notice in writing, give such a direction as, in its opinion, is necessary or desirable for the control of drivers or riders of motor vehicles on a specified public street or specified public streets.
 - (2A) A direction given under subsection (2) may be limited as to time, place or subject-matter.
 - (2B) The Traffic Authority may from time to time, by notice in writing, vary or revoke a direction given under subsection (2).
 - (c) Section 4D (3), (3A)—

Omit section 4D (3), insert instead:

- (3) A direction given under subsection (2) has effect only—
 - (a) while there is erected or displayed on or near, or marked on, the public street to which the direction relates a traffic control sign that is notice of the direction; or
 - (b) where the direction relates to a network of 2 or more public streets within a defined area—while there is erected or displayed on or near, or marked on, each of the public streets that provides access to that area a traffic control sign that is notice of the direction.
- (3A) The fact that a direction given under subsection (2) relates to a network of public streets within a defined area does not preclude the erection or display of traffic control signs in accordance with subsection (3) (a).

SCHEDULE 1—continued AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT 1909—continued

(4) Section 11A (Transfer of number-plate)—

After "the regulations", insert "or section 22A of the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act 1931".

BY AUTHORITY
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