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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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The Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No.2) 1990 (the Bill) provides for the insertion of a provision into the Motor Traffic Act 1936 which makes it compulsory for an applicant for a permit licence to ride a motor cycle to successfully complete an approved motor cycle rider training course before a permit licence is granted.

The Bill brings the Australian Capital Territory into line with most States and the Northern Territory which have introduced pre-licence rider training and also gives effect to recommendations of the Australian Transport Advisory Council to enhance motor cycle safety.

Similar schemes which operate elsewhere are government financed. The ACT scheme will result in estimated expenditure of \$60,000 in a full financial year.

Clause 1 provides that the Bill, when enacted, may be cited as the Motor Traffic (Amendment) Act (No.2) 1990.

Clause 2 defines the term "Principal Act", for the purposes of the Bill, as meaning the Motor Traffic Act 1936.

Clause 3 amends section 9 of the Principal Act by omitting existing paragraph (1A)(c) and inserting a new paragraph (1A)(c) in its place. New paragraph (1A)(c) provides that a permit licence to ride a motor cycle shall not be granted to a person unless the person is at least 16 years and 9 months of age and has satisfied the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that he or she has successfully completed an approved motor cycle rider training course within three months prior to applying for a permit licence. A course must be approved by notice in the Gazette.

Clause 3 also adds paragraph (1A)(d) to section 9 of the Principal Act as a consequence of the inclusion of new paragraph (1A)(c). Paragraph (1A)(d) restates pre-existing paragraph (1A)(c) of the Principal Act which provides that in any other case not mentioned in paragraphs (1A)(a), (b) or (c) a permit licence shall not be granted to a person unless the person is at least 16 years and 9 months of age.