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(Mr Osborne)

Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill 1999

Explanatory Memorandum

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OUTLINE

The purpose of this Bill is to remove an anomaly from the law governing seat belts to ensure that they are worn when they are fitted in a motor vehicle and to restrict the number of people in a motor vehicle to the number of seat belts in the motor vehicle.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are formal requirements. They refer to the short title of the Bill; specify that the Bill will commence upon being notified in the *Gazette*; and identify the title of the Act being amended.

Clause 4 inserts new section "164BA" to the Principle Act. This section states that a person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a public street if the vehicle has more passengers than there are seating positions.

Clause 5 amends section "164C" paragraph (b) of the Principle Act to ensure that an occupant of a motor vehicle uses a seat belt if there is one available.