

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Motor Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance (No. 4) 1985

No. 35 of 1985

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated 15 August 1985.

N. M. STEPHEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

G. SCHOLES
Minister of State for Territories

An Ordinance to amend the *Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936*

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Motor Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance (No. 4) 1985*.¹

Commencement

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on such date as is fixed by the Minister of State for Territories by notice in the *Gazette*.

3. Section 147 of the *Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936*² is repealed and the following section substituted:

School zones

“147. (1) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle in a school zone during a prescribed period at a speed exceeding 40 kilometres per hour from the direction which the school zone sign in relation to that zone is facing.

“(2) For the purposes of this section, a school zone sign erected on the side of a public street and a standard speed limited sign erected on the side of that public street or another public street having a junction or intersection with—

- (a) the first-mentioned public street; or
- (b) a public street having a junction or intersection with the first-mentioned public street,

shall be taken to face the same direction if each of those signs faces the direction from which a motor vehicle travelling on a journey that commenced before the beginning of, but included, the shortest practicable route between those signs would approach that sign.

“(3) This Part has effect in relation to a part of a public street that is a school zone at any time—

- (a) other than during a prescribed period; or
- (b) when the relevant speed limit sign referred to in the definition of ‘school zone sign’ in sub-section (4) is not displayed,

as if that part of that street were not a school zone.

“(4) In this section—

‘prescribed period’, in relation to a school zone, means a period commencing at 8.00 a.m. and ending at 4.00 p.m. on a day on which—

- (a) the school located in proximity to that zone; or
- (b) if 2 or more schools are so located—either or any of those schools,

is open for the attendance of scholars;

‘school zone’ means—

- (a) where—
 - (i) a school zone sign is erected on the side of a public street; and

- (ii) a standard speed limit sign is erected on the side of that public street (being the first such sign located after, and facing the same direction as, the school zone sign),

any part of that public street between those signs; or

- (b) where—

- (i) a school zone sign is erected on the side of a public street; and

- (ii) a standard speed limit sign is erected on the side of another public street having a junction or intersection with—

- (A) the first mentioned public street; or

- (B) a public street having a junction or intersection with the first-mentioned public street,

- (being the first such sign located after, and facing the same direction as, the school zone sign),

any part of either or any of those public streets that lies on the shortest practicable route between those signs;

‘school zone sign’ means a traffic sign inscribed with the words ‘SCHOOL ZONE’ accompanied by a speed limit sign and another traffic sign bearing an inscription indicating particular periods;

‘standard speed limit sign’ means a speed limit sign other than a speed limit sign referred to in the definition of ‘school zone sign’ in this subsection.”.

NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 20 August 1985.
2. No. 45, 1936 as amended to date. For previous amendments *see* Note 2 to No. 2, 1985 and *see also* Nos. 2 and 30, 1985.