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## A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999* and the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 2017*, and for other purposes

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The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:



1 **Part 1 Preliminary**

2 **1 Name of Act**

3 This Act is the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management)*  
4 *Amendment Act 2025*.

5 **2 Commencement**

6 This Act commences on 3 November 2025.

7 *Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on  
8 the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

9 **3 Legislation amended**

10 This Act amends the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic*  
11 *Management) Act 1999* and the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic*  
12 *Management) Regulation 2017*.

13 *Note* This Act also amends other legislation (see sch 1).



## Part 2 Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999

### 4 Section 22A

*substitute*

#### 22A Definitions—pt 6

(1) In this part:

***average speed limit***, for a driver of a vehicle on a road between 2 detection points if more than 1 speed limit applies between the points, means the average speed limit prescribed by regulation for the road between the points.

***detection point*** means a point prescribed by regulation on a road by reference to which a vehicle's average speed can be worked out.

***shortest practicable distance*** means the distance between 2 detection points prescribed by regulation as the shortest distance between the points that a vehicle's driver could use to travel on a road between the points without contravening a provision of the road transport legislation.

***speeding offence*** means an offence against a provision of the road transport legislation of failing to obey a speed limit.

***speed measuring device*** means a device designed to measure the speed at which a vehicle is travelling.

(2) In this section:

***minimum travel time***, for a shortest practicable route, means a time prescribed by regulation that a driver could travel the route without committing a speeding offence.



1            *shortest practicable route*, between 2 detection points, means a route  
2            prescribed by regulation, used to determine the minimum travel time  
3            between the points.

4            **5            Meaning of *traffic offence detection device***  
5            **Section 23 (1) (a)**

6            *after*  
7            take images  
8            *insert*  
9            of 1 or more

10          **6            New section 23 (1) (a) (iii)**

11          *insert*  
12                  (iii) a passenger in a vehicle mentioned in subparagraph (i);  
13                  and

14          **7            Regulation for approval etc of device or system**  
15          **Section 24 (1)**

16          *after*  
17          take images  
18          *insert*  
19          of 1 or more

20          **8            New section 24 (1) (c)**

21          *insert*  
22                  (c) a passenger in a vehicle mentioned in paragraph (a).



1 **9 Evidentiary certificates etc**  
2 **Section 25 (5) (e)**

3 *omit*

4 stationary, but not parked

5 *substitute*

6 stationary but not parked,

7 **10 New section 25 (5) (ea)**

8 *insert*

9 (ea) if the information indicates whether the driver of the vehicle, or  
10 a passenger in the vehicle, was wearing a seatbelt—that the  
11 vehicle was moving, or stationary but not parked, when the  
12 image was taken;

13 **11 Section 25 (10), new definition of *mobile device***

14 *insert*

15 ***mobile device***—

16 (a) includes a mobile phone and any other wireless hand-held or  
17 wearable device designed or capable of being used for  
18 telecommunication; but

19 (b) does not include a CB radio or any other two-way radio.

20 **Examples—other wireless hand-held or wearable devices**

21 tablet computer, smart watch



Section 12

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1 **12 Dictionary, definition of *average speed detection system***

2 *omit*

3 **13 Dictionary, definitions of *average speed limit* and**  
4 ***detection point***

5 *omit*

6 section 22A

7 *substitute*

8 section 22A (1)

9 **14 Dictionary, definitions of *minimum travel time, mobile***  
10 ***device* and *mobile device detection system***

11 *omit*

12 **15 Dictionary, definition of *shortest practicable distance***

13 *omit*

14 section 22A

15 *substitute*

16 section 22A (1)

17 **16 Dictionary, definition of *shortest practicable route***

18 *omit*



- 1 **17 Dictionary, definitions of *speeding offence* and *speed***  
2 ***measuring device***
- 3 *omit*
- 4 section 22A
- 5 *substitute*
- 6 section 22A (1)



1	<b>Part 3</b>	<b>Road Transport (Safety and</b>
2		<b>Traffic Management)</b>
3		<b>Regulation 2017</b>
4	<b>18</b>	<b>New sections 11A and 11B</b>
5		<i>in part 5, insert</i>
6	<b>11A</b>	<b>Meaning of <i>average speed detection system</i></b>
7		In this regulation:
8		<i>average speed detection system</i> means a system designed to work out
9		the average speed of a vehicle between 2 detection points by reference
10		to the shortest practicable route between the detection points and the
11		minimum travel time in which the route could be completed.
12	<b>11B</b>	<b>Meaning of <i>minimum travel time</i> and <i>shortest practicable</i></b>
13		<b><i>route</i>—pt 5</b>
14		In this part:
15		<i>minimum travel time</i> —see the <a href="#">Act</a> , section 22A (2).
16		<i>shortest practicable route</i> —see the <a href="#">Act</a> , section 22A (2).
17	<b>19</b>	<b>Average speed detection systems—Act, s 22A</b>
18		<b>Section 12 (1) to (3)</b>
19		<i>omit</i>
20		section 22A
21		<i>substitute</i>
22		section 22A (1)



**20 Section 12 (4) and (5)**

*omit*

section 22A

*substitute*

section 22A (2)

**21 Approval of traffic offence detection devices—Act, s 24  
New section 13 (1) (ca)**

*insert*

(ca) a seatbelt detection system;

**22 New section 13 (1) (d) (iii)**

*insert*

(iii) a passenger in a vehicle mentioned in subparagraph (i).

**23 New section 13 (5)**

*after the note, insert*

(5) In this section:

***mobile device***—see the [Act](#), section 25 (10).

***mobile device detection system*** means a system designed to—

(a) detect the driver of a vehicle using a mobile device while driving; and

(b) take images of the vehicle and the driver of the vehicle.



Section 24

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- 1            *seatbelt detection system* means a system designed to—
- 2            (a) detect whether the driver of a vehicle, or a passenger in the
- 3            vehicle, is wearing a seatbelt; and
- 4            (b) take images of the vehicle; and
- 5            (c) take images of 1 or both of the following:
- 6                    (i) the driver of the vehicle; or
- 7                    (ii) a passenger in the vehicle.

8    **24       Requirements for images taken by traffic offence**

9           **detection devices—Act, s 24 (2) (a) and (d)**

10          **Section 15 (1)**

- 11           *omit*
- 12           An image of a vehicle or the driver of a vehicle
- 13           *substitute*
- 14           An image of a vehicle, the driver of a vehicle, or a passenger in a
- 15           vehicle

16    **25       Section 15 (1) (b) (ii)**

- 17           *substitute*
- 18           (ii) for a traffic offence detection device designed to take an
- 19           image of the driver of the vehicle—showing the driver;
- 20           and
- 21           (iii) for a traffic offence detection device designed to take an
- 22           image of a passenger in the vehicle—showing the
- 23           passenger; and



**26 Section 15 (2)***substitute*

- (2) For a traffic offence detection device designed to take an image of the driver of a vehicle or a passenger in a vehicle, the image must, as far as practicable, show only as much of the driver or passenger as is necessary to show the person in contravention of a provision of the road transport legislation.

**27 Schedule 1, part 1.2 heading***substitute***Part 1.2 Average speed detection systems****28 Dictionary, note 3***omit*

- average speed detection system (see s 22A)
- mobile device detection system (see s 22A)

**29 Dictionary, note 3***omit*

- speed measuring device

*substitute*

- speed measuring device (see s 22A)



- 1 **30 Dictionary, new definitions**
- 2 *insert*
- 3 *average speed detection system*—see section 11A.
- 4 *minimum travel time*, for part 5 (Traffic offence detection devices)—
- 5 see the [Act](#), section 22A (2).
- 6 *shortest practicable route*, for part 5 (Traffic offence detection
- 7 devices)—see the [Act](#), section 22A (2).



**Schedule 1      Other amendments**

(see s 3)

**Part 1.1              Road Transport (General)  
Act 1999**

**[1.1]      Dictionary, definition of *approved average speed  
detection system***

*omit*

**Part 1.2              Road Transport (Road Rules)  
Regulation 2017**

**[1.2]      Section 307A heading**

*substitute*

**307A      Stopping and parking exemption—mobile device  
detection system or seatbelt detection system**

**[1.3]      Section 307A (1) (b)**

*after*

mobile device detection system

*insert*

or seatbelt detection system



- 1 **[1.4] Section 307A (3), new definition of *seatbelt detection***  
2 ***system***
- 3 *insert*
- 4 *seatbelt detection system* means a seatbelt detection system approved  
5 under the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management)*  
6 *Regulation 2017*, section 13 (1).
- 7 **[1.5] Dictionary, definition of *mobile device* and note**
- 8 *substitute*
- 9 *mobile device*—see the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic*  
10 *Management) Act 1999*, section 25 (10).



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## Endnotes

**1 Presentation speech**

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 13 May 2025.

**2 Notification**

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2025.

**3 Republications of amended laws**

For the latest republication of amended laws, see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au).

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