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**MOTOR TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 3 ) 1996**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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### OUTLINE

The Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 3) ("the Bill") amends the *Motor Traffic Act 1936* ("the Principal Act").

The Bill requires payment of a "road rescue fee" before a person may have a motor vehicle registered under the Principal Act. The road rescue fee applying to the vehicle, if any, is to be determined by the Minister (under section 217A of the Principal Act for the purposes of new section 14AA).

The road rescue fee is to be collected prior to registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle. The Registrar of Motor Vehicles ("the Registrar") may not grant registration of a motor vehicle unless the road rescue fee has been paid. The road rescue fee is, however, separate and additional to the determined fee for registration of the vehicle.

It is intended that the road rescue fee will contribute to the cost of road accident response services including road accident rescue and pre-hospital ambulance paramedic care and transport associated with road accidents.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is intended, at this stage, that the Road Rescue Fee will be set at \$15 per motor vehicle with some limited exceptions. On this basis, it is expected that the road rescue fee will result in a revenue increase of approximately \$2.7 million for the first 12 months of operation of the fee.

### DETAILS OF THE BILL

#### Short title, Commencement and Principal Act

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are formal provisions. Clause 1 refers to the short title of the Bill, Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the provisions of the Bill and Clause 3 defines the Principal Act as the *Motor Traffic Act 1936*.

#### Interpretation

Clause 4 adds the definition of "road rescue fee" to existing section 4 of the Principal Act.

#### Insertion

Clause 5 inserts new section 14AA after existing section 14 of the Principal Act.

New section 14AA prohibits the Registrar from registering or renewing the registration of a motor vehicle unless the road rescue fee, where applicable, has been paid. This does not prevent registration should there be no determined fee applying to the subject vehicle.

#### Remission or refund of fees

Clause 6 amends existing section 209 of the Principal Act to provide for the Registrar to refund the road rescue fee if the application for registration or renewal of registration of the vehicle is refused or if the registration or renewal of registration was made in error resulting in cancellation of the registration.