

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

MOTOR TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (NO. 2) 1984

NO. 15 of 1984

The Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936 (the principal Ordinance) sets out rules of the road to be obeyed by motor vehicle drivers. Under the principal Ordinance no specific provision is made for roundabouts, and there is no requirement that a motor vehicle which is required to give way when approaching an intersection (other than an uncontrolled "T" junction) is required to continue to give way after it has entered the intersection. The Motor Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance (No. 2) 1983, the amending Ordinance, amends the principal Ordinance to remedy this situation by providing specific provision for roundabouts and providing for rules that vehicles required to give way upon entering intersections remain under an obligation to give way once they have entered the intersection.

Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the amending Ordinance are formal provisions.

Section 4 amends Section 112K of the principal Ordinance by adding at the end of sub-section (1) a definition of a roundabout as a junction or intersection of public streets or part of a junction or intersection of public streets that is designed for the movement of traffic in a clockwise direction around a traffic island located within the junction or intersection.

Section 5 amends Section 122 of the principal Ordinance so that vehicles required to give way when approaching a "Give Way" sign at an intersection will be required to continue to give way after they have entered the intersection.

Section 6 amends Section 124 of the principal Ordinance so that motorists shall give way at "Give Way" signs at and in intersections.

Section 7 provides that a motorist shall give way to vehicles on his right at roundabouts.

Section 8 amends Section 128 of the principal Ordinance by extending the existing obligations of a motorist faced with a "Stop Sign" at an intersection to a motorist faced with a "Stop Sign" at a roundabout.

Section 9 amends Schedule 4 to the principal Ordinance by adding to the Schedule a drawing of a roundabout sign.

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