

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

MOTOR TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (NO. 2) 1973

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Section 27 of the Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936-1973 empowers the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, upon an application by a person who has been granted a licence to use a vehicle as a taxi, to transfer the licence to a person specified in the application.

One effect of that section has been the payment of increasingly large sums of money as consideration for the transfer. Another effect has been to enable licences to be transferred to persons who may not otherwise be favoured with the granting of a licence such as members of the licensee's family.

The proposed Motor Traffic Ordinance (No. 2) 1973 will preclude the transfer of any taxi licence which is granted after the date of commencement of the Ordinance. The effect of the Ordinance will be that a taxi licence which is no longer required by the licensee will be returned to the Registrar.

Existing taxi licences which have been granted under Section 27 will continue to be capable of being transferred provided that the existing provisions of the Ordinance are satisfied.