

THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 16 of 1927.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Motor Traffic Ordinance 1926.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act* 1909 and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act* 1910, as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Motor Traffic Ordinance* Short title
and citation. 1927.

(2.) The *Motor Traffic Ordinance* 1926 is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Motor Traffic Ordinance* 1926–1927.

2. Section four of the Principal Ordinance is amended— Definitions.

(a) by inserting after the definition of “ Owner ” the following definition :—

“ ‘ Ply for hire ’ includes the carrying of passengers for any monetary or other material consideration ; and

(b) by adding at the end of the definition of “ Public Motor Vehicle ” the words “ and any motor vehicle which carries passengers for any monetary or other material consideration ”.

3.—(1.) Section eleven of the Principal Ordinance is amended by Fees. omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “ the last preceding section ” and inserting in their stead the words “ section nine of this Ordinance ”.

(2.) The provisions of sub-section (1.) of this section shall be deemed to have come into operation on the date of commencement of the Principal Ordinance.

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4. Section forty-seven of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following sections are inserted in its stead :—

Refusal, cancellation or suspension of licences, &c. in certain cases.

“ 47.—(1.) The Commission may—

- (a) refuse to grant a licence to any person who has been convicted of being drunk while driving a motor vehicle, or of furiously or recklessly driving a motor vehicle, or who, in its opinion, is unfit to hold a licence ;
- (b) cancel or suspend for such period as it thinks fit, any licence issued to any person who, in its opinion, is unfit to hold a licence ;
- (c) cancel or suspend, for such period as it thinks fit the registration of any motor vehicle which by reason of its condition, design or construction, it considers is a source of danger or annoyance to the public ;
- (d) revoke or suspend the right of any person, firm or company to use a trader's plate ; or
- (e) cancel or suspend, for such period as it thinks fit any licence to ply for hire granted in respect of any public motor vehicle, where, in its opinion, that vehicle is not in a fit condition to be used as a public motor vehicle.

“ (2.) Any licence or registration cancelled under this section shall be of no effect, and any licence or registration suspended under this section shall cease to be of any effect during the period of suspension.

“ (3.) Any person, firm or company who or which uses or causes or permits to be used any trader's plate, the right to use which is revoked or suspended, shall be guilty of an offence.

“ (4.) The Commission or any person thereto authorized in writing by the Commission, may take such action as is prescribed—

- (a) for the purpose of determining whether a licence or the registration of a motor vehicle should be cancelled or suspended or the right to use a trader's plate should be revoked or suspended ; and
- (b) for preventing the driving upon public streets of any motor vehicle which, in the opinion of the Commission or that person, is a source of danger or annoyance to the public, or in the case of a public motor vehicle is not fit to be used as a public motor vehicle.”.

Power to grant licences &c. for period of less than twelve months.

“ 47A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance but without prejudice to any other powers conferred on it by this Ordinance, the Commission may, if it thinks fit—

- (a) register any motor vehicle ;
- (b) grant a certificate or registration of any motor vehicle ;
- (c) grant any licence ;
- (d) issue any trader's plate and certificate of that issue ; or

(e) grant any renewal of any such registration, certificate of registration, licence, issue of a trader's plate or certificate of the issue of a trader's plate—

for any period less than twelve months, and, where the Commission does so, the fee or sum payable in respect of the registration, grant of the licence, issue of the trader's plate or renewal shall bear the same proportion to the fee or sum prescribed by or under this Ordinance to be payable in respect of the registration of a motor vehicle, the grant of a licence, the issue of a trader's plate, or any renewal of any such registration, licence or issue, for a period of twelve months, as the period for which the registration, licence, issue or renewal is granted or made bears to the period of twelve months, and the Commission may for the purposes of this section use the forms in the Second Schedule with such variations as are necessary in any particular case.”.

5. Section eighty-two of the Principal Ordinance is amended by ^{Regulations} adding after paragraph (v) thereof the following paragraph :—

“(w) the rules of the road to be observed by drivers of motor vehicles, and the regulation of motor traffic both generally and in respect of particular localities or public streets, including the prohibition of motor traffic in particular localities or public streets, either for a specified period or otherwise and in respect of any class or classes of motor vehicles.”

Dated this third day of August, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
NEVILLE HOWSE,
for Minister of State for Home and Territories.