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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Mr Osborne)

Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill 1999

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Motor Traffic Act 1936*

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

1. **Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Motor Traffic (Amendment) Act 1999*.

5 2. **Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which it is notified in the *Gazette*.

3. **Principal Act**

In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Motor Traffic Act 1936*.¹

4. **Insertion**

10 After section 164B of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

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"164BA. Seatbelts for each passenger

"(1) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a public street if the vehicle has more passengers than there are seating positions that—

(a) are fitted with a seatbelt or child restraint; and

5 (b) are available for passengers.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

"(2) This section does not apply to the driver of a motor vehicle that is not required under this Act to be fitted with seatbelts."

10 **5. Wearing of seatbelts by passengers in prescribed vehicles**

Section 164C of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (b) and substituting the following paragraph:

15 "(b) a passenger to whom this section applies is occupying a position in the vehicle that is not equipped with a seatbelt and another unoccupied position in the vehicle is equipped with a seatbelt;"

NOTES

Principal Act

1. Reprinted as at 2 March 1998. See also Acts Nos. 26 and 54, 1998.

Penalty units

See section 33AA of the *Interpretation Act 1967*.

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