## THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 139 of 1979

## AN ACT

To amend the Traffic Act

[Assented to 30 November 1979]

B<sup>E</sup> it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the <u>Traffic Act</u> (No. 4) 1979.

Short title

2. The  $\frac{Traffic\ Act}{Act}$  is in this Act referred to as the Principal  $\frac{Traffic\ Act}{Act}$ .

Principal Act

3. This Act shall come into operation immediately after the commencement of section 7 of the Traffic Act (No. 2) 1979.

Commencement

4. Section 8B of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "In any proceedings" and substituting "Subject to this Act, in any proceedings".

Other evidence may be given

5.(1) Section 8C(1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after "shall be deemed" the words ", whether or not evidence is given that he consumed alcohol after the time of the occurrence of that event,".

Results of breath analysis or blood test

- (2) Section 8C(2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after "a person's blood" the word "taken".
- (3) Section 8C(2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after "shall be deemed" the words ", whether or not evidence is given that he consumed alcohol after the time of the occurrence of that event or accident,".
- 6. Section 8E of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:
- "(3) For the purposes of this section, the number of grammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood shall be deemed to be the percentage of alcohol in that blood.".

Conduct of breath analysis

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Requirement 7. Section 8G(5) of the Principal Act is amended to give by omitting "half" and substituting "approximately blood sample half".

Right to take blood

8. Section 8H(2) of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of paragraph (c) "or that the motor vehicle accident happened more than 12 hours before the person entered the hospital".