



Serial 126
Motor Vehicles
Amendment
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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Motor Vehicles Act*

BE 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. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Motor Vehicles Amendment Act 1992*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on the commencement of the *Traffic Amendment Act 1991*.

3. PRINCIPAL ACT

The *Motor Vehicles Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

4. PROVISIONS FOR PERSONS LEARNING TO DRIVE

Section 9(1) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting all words after "who has attained" and substituting "the age of -

(a) 16 years permitting that person to learn to drive a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle); or

(b) 16 years and 3 months permitting that person to learn to drive a motor cycle,

of a class specified in the permit licence."

5. GRANTING OF LICENCES

Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1) "is not less than 16 years of age" and substituting "has attained the age of 16 years and 6 months"; and
- (b) by omitting from subsection (2A) "is not less than 17 years of age" and substituting "has attained the age of 17 years and 6 months".

6. NEW SECTION

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 101 the following:

"101A. HOLDERS OF INTERSTATE LICENCES

"(1) The Registrar shall not grant a licence under section 10 to a person if the person holds a licence (or equivalent) to drive a motor vehicle granted under a law of a State or another Territory of the Commonwealth unless the person delivers to the Registrar -

- (a) the licence (or equivalent) granted under that other law; and
- (b) a written request for the cancellation of that licence (or equivalent) addressed to the person who or body which granted it.

"(2) Where a person who holds a licence granted under section 10 is granted a licence (or equivalent) to drive a motor vehicle under a law of a State or another Territory of the Commonwealth -

- (a) the person's licence granted under section 10 shall, by force of this section, be cancelled on and from the date the licence (or equivalent) is granted under that other law; and
- (b) the person shall -
 - (i) immediately notify the Registrar of the grant of the other licence (or equivalent); and
 - (ii) surrender the licence granted under section 10 to the Registrar."

7. TRANSITIONAL

Where the Registrar has granted a licence under section 9 of the Principal Act to a person and that licence is in force when this Act comes into operation, the Registrar may grant a licence under section 10(1) of the *Motor Vehicles Act* to that person notwithstanding that the person has not attained the age of 16 years and 6 months.