

TRAFFIC.

15° GEO. V., No. XXXVII.

No. 37 of 1924.

AN ACT to amend the Traffic Act, 1919.

[Assented to 31st December, 1924.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1.) This Act may be cited as the *Traffic Act Amendment Act, 1924*, and shall be read as one with the Traffic Act, 1919, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

(2.) This Act shall (except as provided in section four) come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

Amendment of Section 4.

2. Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended, as follows:—

By inserting an interpretation of the words "motor omnibus," as follows:—

"Motor omnibus" means a motor vehicle used as a passenger vehicle and having seating capacity for not less than eight passengers (exclusive of the driver and conductor), and plying for hire at a fare for each passenger.

Amendment of Third Schedule.

3. (1.) A head-line is inserted in the Third Schedule to the principal Act, as follows:—"Part I."; and the decimal point after the figures 200 in the last line of paragraph 3 of the Rules for ascertaining power weight in the said Schedule is omitted.

(2.) The following words and figures are inserted in the Third Schedule to the principal Act after the fees for "Transfers" and before the "Rules for ascertaining power weight and power load weight," namely:—

Part II.

As from and including the first day of January, 1925, in the case of a motor omnibus for which a passenger vehicle license is granted or held, the following additional license fees shall be payable, namely:—

- (1) If the motor omnibus is used within the metropolitan area as prescribed under section thirteen, and within two miles of the Town Hall, Perth, or the Town Hall, Fremantle, the additional fee shall be—
 - (a) if the motor omnibus is fitted with tyres other than pneumatic tyres, a fee calculated at the rate of £2 for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry.
 - (b) if the motor omnibus is fitted with no tyres other than pneumatic tyres, a fee calculated at the rate of £1 10s. for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry.
- (2) If the motor omnibus is used within the metropolitan area, but not within two miles of the Town Hall of Perth, or the Town Hall of Fremantle, the additional fee shall be a fee calculated at the rate of two-thirds of the respective fees above mentioned, according to whether the motor omnibus is, or is not, fitted with any tyres other than pneumatic tyres.

Such additional license fees shall be apportioned if the license has effect for a period commencing on or after the first day of the seventh month of the financial year, so that the licensee shall only be required to pay one-half of the additional fee; or it has effect for a period commencing on or after the first day of the tenth month, one-fourth of the additional fee.

The amount of such additional license fee shall be a debt due to the Minister from the licensee and recoverable by action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

	£	s.	d.
For a motor or steam wagon, using pneumatic tyres :—			
Of not exceeding 30 Power load weight (P.L.W.)	5	0	0
Exceeding 30 P.L.W. but not exceeding 40 P.L.W.	5	10	0
" 40 " " " 50 " 	6	0	0
" 50 " " " 60 " 	7	0	0
" 60 " " " 70 " 	8	0	0
" 70 " " " 80 " 	9	0	0
" 80 " " " 90 " 	10	0	0
" 90 " " " 100 " 	11	0	0
" 100 " " " 110 " 	13	0	0
" 110 " " " 120 " 	15	0	0
" 120 " " " 130 " 	17	0	0
" 130 " " " 140 " 	19	0	0
" 140 " " " 150 " 	22	0	0
For every additional P.L.W. up to but not exceeding 200 P.L.W.	0	7	6
" " exceeding 200 but not exceeding 300 P.L.W.	0	10	0
" " exceeding 300 P.L.W.	0	12	6
For a locomotive or traction engine :—			
Not exceeding 3 tons in weight with load (if any) per wheel per ton	1	0	0
Exceeding 3 tons but not exceeding 5 tons in weight with load (if any), per ton per wheel	1	10	0
Over 5 tons in weight with load (if any) but not exceeding 7 tons, per ton per wheel	2	0	0
Over 7 tons in weight with load (if any), per ton per wheel	3	0	0
For a trailer, 10s. per ton per wheel on the weight of trailer, plus declared maximum load.			
All motor vehicles and all wagons or engines using approved cushion tyres (neither solid nor pneumatic) to be charged an additional 10 per cent.			
All motor vehicles (other than motor omnibuses) and all wagons or engines using <i>solid rubber</i> tyres to be charged an additional 20 per cent. of the above fees.			
All motor vehicles (other than motor omnibuses), and all wagons or engines using <i>metal</i> tyres to be charged an additional 40 per cent. of the above fees.			
If any substance other than petrol is used for power for motor vehicles, motor or steam wagons, or locomotive or traction engines, an additional 20 per cent. of the above fees shall be charged.			

PASSENGER VEHICLE AND CARRIERS' LICENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Fee for a passenger vehicle license, per wheel	0	10	0
Fee for a carrier's license, per wheel	0	10	0

For the purposes of this Schedule "load" means the greatest load which is within the limits of the vehicle's capacity, as ascertained according to the prescribed method.

All the above fees are payable annually.

TRANSFERS.

The following fees are payable on transfers of licenses :—

	£	s.	d.
Transfer of license of—			
Motor car, motor carrier, motor wagon, locomotive or traction engine	0	10	0
Motor cycle	0	5	0
Trailer	0	5	0
Carriage or cart	0	5	0
Hand cart	0	2	6
Transfer of passenger vehicle or carrier's license	0	5	0

5. This Act shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December, 1925, and no longer. Duration.