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No. 3 of 1931.

AN ACT to amend the Traffic Act, 1919-1930.

[Assented to 24th June, 1931.]

B^E 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.

Amendment of s, 10. 1. This Act may be cited as the *Traffic Act Amendment* Act, 1931.

2. Section ten of the Traffic Act, 1919-1930, as reprinted in the 1930 volume of the Statutes (hereinafter called the "principal Act"), is hereby amended by the addition of a proviso, as follows:—

"Provided, further, that only one-half of the fee payable, according to the scale in the third schedule, shall be chargeable in any case in which it is proved to the satisfaction of the licensing authority—

(i) that the license applied for is required for a motor wagon, motor carrier, trailer, or semi-trailer which is owned by a person carrying on the business of farming and/or grazing on any farm or other land and will be used during the currency of the license solely or mainly for the carriage of the products of or requisites for such business, or (if the farm or land is north of the twentysixth parallel of south latitude) between such farm or land and the nearest shipping port; provided the distance measured by the length of

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existing roads to such port is less than the distance measured by the length of existing roads to the nearest station or siding:

- (ii) that the license is required for a motor vehicle which is owned by a *bona fide* prospector, and which will be used by such person during the currency of the license, solely or mainly in connection with his occupation of prospecting; or
- (iii) that the license is required for a motor vehicle which is owned by a bona fide sandalwood puller and which will be used by such person during the currency of the license solely or mainly in connection with the occupation of sandalwooding."

3. A section is hereby inserted after section eleven of the insertion of new section after 3. 11 principal Act. as follows:----

11A. (1.) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or Half-yearly licenses. semi-trailer, whether previously licensed or not, may apply for and be granted a license for such vehicle for any half-year ending on the thirty-first day of December or the thirtieth day of June.

(2.) Such application shall be made during the currency of the half-year in which the license is to have effect or in the month immediately preceding such halfyear, and every such license shall have effect during that half-vear, and no longer.

(3.) The fee to be paid for a half-yearly license for any vehicle shall be an amount exceeding by two shillings and sixpence one-half the fee (including any additional fee prescribed by Part II. of the third schedule) that would be payable for an annual license.

(4.) The owner of any such vehicle as aforesaid shall be entitled to the benefit of this section in respect of any and every species of license which it may be necessary to obtain for such vehicle.

(5.) The owner of any vehicle which has been licensed under any kind of license for any financial year, or the second half thereof, shall not be entitled (without having obtained such a license for the first half of the next succeeding year) to obtain such a license for the second half unless he shall have deposited the number plates of the

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vehicle with the licensing authority on or before the fifteenth day of July, and if he obtains such a license for the first half of that year he shall be liable to pay to the proper authority the fee payable for such a license for the second half of such year, notwithstanding that ne may not have obtained such license, unless he shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January in such half-year, have deposited the number plates of the vehicle with the licensing authority or have ceased to be the owner of the vehicle.

Amendment of s. 42.

4. Section forty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion, after subsection (1), of a subsection, as follows:—

(1a) The Governor may by regulations made under this Act prohibit, either absolutely or subject to prescribed conditions, the picking up and/or setting down of passengers, for or from any omnibus, at any place on any such portion of a prescribed route as coincides with or runs along or beside the route of any tramway or railway or at any place within one hundred and fifty yards from the point where a prescribed route intersects a tramway or railway or ceases to coincide with or run along or beside the route of a tramway or railway.

5. The third schedule of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following words to the third paragraph of Part 2 after the word "payable":—"for each passenger the omnibus is licensed to carry."

Citation of Traffic Act, 1919, and amendments.

Amendment of third schedule.

6. The Traffic Act, 1919, and its amendments, including this Act, may be cited as the Traffic Act, 1919-1931.