

*Transport Law Amendment Act, 1948 (No. 47).*—This Act—

(a) Provides for particular harbour-ferry services being brought under the Transport Licensing Act by Order in Council.

(b) Provides for the appointment of a Transport Co-ordination Council.

(c) Authorizes formation of a Transport Charges Committee and Appeal Authority.

(d) Sets out procedure on application to fix road and ferry charges and procedure on appeals.

(e) Amends the definition of “goods-service” and “passenger-service” to include carriage of goods or passengers by rental trucks or cars and the exemption of ancillary trucks.

(f) Requires Certificates of Fitness for all goods-service vehicles, except for Crown, local-body, or farmers’ vehicles.

(g) Provides power for rostering of taxis, and for erection of shelters for intending passengers of a passenger-service.

(h) Enables regulations to be made limiting liability for loss or damage to goods carried by a transport service and authorizing licensees to sell or dispose of unclaimed goods.

(i) Extends the classes of persons who may appeal under the Transport Licensing Act to include unsuccessful applicants for a licence, the Director of Stabilization, and permanent Heads of Departments.

(j) Amends the definition of a “motor-vehicle” to include any vehicle drawn or propelled by mechanical power regardless of weight.

(k) Provides for declaration by the Minister that component parts of articulated motor-vehicles may be regarded as trailers.

(l) Provides for penalties for driving motor-vehicles when disqualified, and revocation of licences of mentally defective persons.

(m) Amends provisions as to duties of motor-drivers in case of accidents by requiring drivers to report same at the nearest police-station as soon as practicable unless incapable by means of injuries sustained.

(n) Gives power to make regulations enabling local bodies to fix temporary speed-limits where there is a risk of injury or damage.

(o) Gives power to Traffic Inspectors to prosecute in traffic cases on behalf of each other.

*Transport Licensing Passenger Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 8 (Serial No. 1948/202).*—This provides for adjustment in travelling-allowance to Licensing Authorities.

*Traffic (Road-crossing) Regulations 1944, Amendment No. 1 (Serial No. 1948/203).*—This provides that all traffic shall stop for school patrol signs and remain stopped while signs are extended.

*Rental Vehicle Regulations 1949, Amendment No. 1 (Serial No. 1948/204).*—This broadens the definition of “rental service” to include all types of motor-vehicles used in a service for letting and hiring same. It also provides for the requirement of Certificates of Fitness for all rental goods-service vehicles—*i.e.*, vehicles over 2 tons laden weight.

*Transport Licensing (Goods-service) Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 4 (Serial No. 1948/205).*—This provides for forms, &c., in regard to Certificates of Fitness for “ancillary goods-service vehicles.”