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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MOTOR TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 4) 1993

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

**Amendments to be moved
on behalf of the Government**

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Amendment 1

The first amendment inserts an additional subsection in to proposed new section 28A. Proposed section 28A provides that the Registrar may grant a licence to operate a specified vehicle as a restricted hire vehicle. This amendment requires the Registrar, in making a decision to grant a restricted hire vehicle licence, to have regard to whether a private hire car could provide the services that the applicant proposes to provide. This provision is intended to protect the viability of the private hire car industry by ensuring that restricted hire vehicles will not be in direct competition with private hire cars but will be catering to a niche market (for example, vintage and historic vehicles or motor cycle tours of the region).

Amendment 2

Section 29 of the Principal Act provides that the Registrar may grant a licence for the use of a taxi or a private hire car for the carriage of tourists at separate fares. "Tourists" is defined in subsection 29(6) of the Principal Act to mean a person with whom the Canberra Tourist Bureau, or a person authorised by the Minister, has entered into a contract to convey them on a sight-seeing tour within the Territory.

Clause 15 of the Bill amends section 29 to include restricted hire vehicles in the categories of vehicles that may be granted a licence by the Registrar for the carriage of tourists at separate fares. The second amendment omits this amendment so that restricted hire vehicles will not be granted licences for the carriage of tourists at separate fares under section 29 of the Principal Act.

The second amendment also clarifies section 29 by omitting the term "tourists" and substituting "sightseers". Subsection 29(6) of the Principal Act is also omitted and a new subsection 29(6) substituted.