

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 6 of 1965

A comprehensive study of the position of the taxi industry in the Australian Capital Territory undertaken by the Department of the Interior covering collection and examination of information of operative costs, income and related factors and the study has indicated a need for changes in taxi fares.

It has been noted that a charge for the use of two-way radios in connection with booking of taxis has been legitimate in several States of the Commonwealth for many years and the review of the conditions of the industry has established that it would be reasonable to introduce such a charge in Canberra.

Approval has been given, therefore, to amend the Taxi and Private Hire Car Regulations to provide for the following changes:—

- (a) the flag fall charge to be increased to two shillings (an increase of sixpence);
- (b) the charge for waiting time is to be increased for 1/3d. to 1/6d. for each five minutes;
- (c) there will no longer be any minimum fare for hiring a taxi;
- (d) provision is to be made for the charging of a fee of sixpence in any circumstances where the booking of a taxi necessitates the use of two-way radio and drivers are to be required to exhibit a notice within taxis informing passengers of the additional fare.