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PASSENGER TRANSPORT ACT 1990—REGULATION

(Relating to the accommodation standard for taxi-cabs)

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HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of the Passenger Transport Act 1990, has been pleased to make the Regulation set forth hereunder.

BRUCE BAIRD,
Minister for Transport.

Commencement

1. This Regulation commences on 1 February 1993.

Amendment

2. The Passenger Transport Regulation 1990 is amended by omitting clause 52A and by inserting instead the following clauses:

Accommodation standard for taxi-cabs

52A. (1) A vehicle that is used as a taxi-cab must have seating accommodation for the driver and for at least 4 and not more than 7 other adult persons.

(2) The vehicle must have at least 4 side doors.

(3) The width of each side-door opening above the highest point of the sitting surface of the nearest seat (when unoccupied) is to be at least 550mm.

(4) The width of each side-door opening below the highest point of the sitting surface of the nearest seat (when unoccupied) is to be at least 280mm.

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(5) The headroom above any seat is to be at least 900 mm. The headroom is measured from the highest point of the sitting surface of the seat (when unoccupied) to the headlining of the vehicle. The measurement is to be in a straight line which is inclined rearwards at 8 degrees from the vertical (so that the top of the line intersects the headlining to the rear of the point of the headlining vertically above the highest point of the seat).

(6) The distance between the back of one seat and the front of the seat behind it must be at least 180 mm (when the rear seat is unoccupied).

(7) Each seating position in the vehicle must be such that it is adequate when assessed in accordance with section 7.2 of the Single Uniform Type Inspection (SUTI) Manual for Third Edition Australian Design Rules as published in January 1988 by the Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board.

Compliance with accommodation standard

52B. (1) An accredited service operator must ensure that a vehicle which is used as a tax-cab and to which the operator's accreditation relates complies with clause 52A.

Maximum penalty: 2 penalty units.

(2) For the purposes of this clause, a vehicle that complies with clause 52A as in force immediately before 1 February 1993 and that was registered as a taxi-cab immediately before that date is taken to comply with clause 52A as in force from that date.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The object of this Regulation is to substitute clause 52A of the Passenger Transport Regulation 1990 to specify certain parameters of passenger accommodation in taxi-cabs more precisely. The Regulation does this partly by reference to certain provisions of the Single Uniform Type Inspection (SUTI) Manual published by the Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board.

Taxi-cabs that comply with clause 52A as it stands at present will be taken to comply with the new clause 52A.

The Regulation is made under section 63 (2) (x) of the Passenger Transport Act 1990.
