



New South Wales

Road Rules Amendment (Mobile Phones as Navigation Aids for Provisional Licence Holders) Bill 2024

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Road Rules 2014* to allow provisional P1 and P2 drivers to use mobile phone devices for navigational purposes.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Road Rules 2014

Schedule 1 allows a provisional P1 or P2 licence holder driver who is 25 years of age or older to use a mobile phone if—

- (a) the mobile phone is solely functioning as a GPS navigational aid and is mounted to the vehicle, and
- (b) the driver does not touch the mobile phone while the motor vehicle is moving or is stationary but not parked.

The provision will be repealed 12 months after commencement.



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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments



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No. _____, 2024

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Road Rules 2014* to exempt a mobile phone being used solely as a GPS navigational aid from the prohibition against the use of mobile phones by holders of provisional P1 and P2 licences.

The LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.

Legislative Assembly

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

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1 Name of Act

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This Act is the *Road Rules Amendment (Mobile Phones as Navigation Aids for Provisional Licence Holders) Act 2024*.

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2 Commencement

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This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

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Schedule 1 Amendment of Road Rules 2014

Rule 300–1 NSW rule: use of mobile phones by drivers who are holders of learner or provisional P1 or P2 licences

Insert after rule 300–1(3)—

- (4) Subrule (1) does not apply to the holder of a provisional P1 or P2 licence who is 25 years of age or older if—
 - (a) the mobile phone—
 - (i) is solely functioning as a visual display for a GPS navigation application running on the mobile phone, and
 - (ii) is secured in a mounting affixed to the vehicle, and
 - (b) the driver does not touch the mobile phone while the motor vehicle is moving or is stationary but not parked.
- (5) In subrule (4), *affixed to* has the same meaning as in rule 300.
- (6) Subrules (4) and (5) and this subrule are repealed on the day that is 12 months after the commencement of subrule (4).