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AN ACT TO AMEND THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT

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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. Clause 1(n.3) of the *Highway Traffic Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-5, is repealed and the following substituted:

(n.3) “**private passenger vehicle**” means

- (i) a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for the transportation of persons without remuneration, not including a bus or taxicab, or
- (ii) a motor vehicle or class of motor vehicle prescribed to be a private passenger vehicle in the regulations;

2. The Act is amended by the addition of the following after section 19:

19.1 Private passenger vehicles exempt from annual registration

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a private passenger vehicle remains registered to an owner from the time it is registered until the time ownership of it passes from the registered owner.

Fee payable

- (2) The fee required to be paid at the time of registration of a private passenger vehicle shall be prescribed in the regulations.

Permit and number plate not to expire

- (3) Notwithstanding subsection 23(1), a registration permit and number plate issued for a private passenger vehicle do not expire before the time ownership of the private passenger vehicle passes from the registered owner.

Certain provisions do not apply

- (4) For greater certainty,
- (a) the requirement in subsection 20(2) that a number plate shall display the number of the year for which it was issued;
 - (b) the provision in section 22 respecting devices in lieu of number plates;

- (c) the provisions in subsections 23(1) and (2) respecting expiry dates of registration permits and number plates and the extension of the date of expiry; and
 - (d) the requirements in section 60 respecting the affixing of a number plate or device in lieu of a number plate issued for the current registration year,
- do not apply to private passenger vehicles.

Regulations

- (5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing motor vehicles or classes of motor vehicles as private passenger vehicles for the purposes of this section.
- 3. The moneys required for the purpose of this Act shall be paid out of moneys appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.**
- 4. This Act comes into force on the earlier of a date that may be fixed by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council or 180 days after the date of Royal Assent.**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECTION 1 amends the definition of “**private passenger vehicle**” in the *Highway Traffic Act* to reflect that additional motor vehicles or classes of motor vehicles may be prescribed to be private passenger vehicles in the regulations.

SECTION 2 amends the Act to provide that a private passenger vehicle remains registered to an owner from the time it is registered until the time ownership of it passes from the registered owner; that the registration fee is paid only once when the owner first registers it; and that a registration permit and number plate issued for a private passenger vehicle do not expire before the time ownership of the private passenger vehicle passes from the registered owner.

This section also sets out, for greater certainty, various provisions in the Act respecting annual renewal of permits and number plates, and affixing plates to vehicles that will no longer apply to private passenger vehicles; and provides for the making of regulations prescribing motor vehicles or classes of motor vehicles to be private passenger vehicles.

SECTION 3 provides for the moneys needed for the purpose of this Act to be paid out of moneys appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.

SECTION 4 provides for the commencement of this Act.

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