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[Assented to 3 May 2000]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Interstate Road Transport Charge
Amendment Act 2000*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act commences on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

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- (2) If this Act does not commence under subsection (1) before 1 January 2001, it commences on that day.

3 Schedule(s)

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendment of the Interstate Road Transport Charge Act 1985

1 At the end of subsection 4(1)

Add “mentioned in Part 2 of the Schedule”.

2 Subsection 5(2)

Omit “the table in”.

3 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *axle*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

axle means one or more shafts positioned in a line across a vehicle, on which one or more wheels intended to support the vehicle turn.

4 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *axle group*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

axle group means a single axle group, tandem axle group, twinsteer axle group, tri-axle group or quad-axle group.

5 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *bus*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

bus means a motor vehicle, built mainly to carry people, that seats more than 9 adults (including the driver).

6 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *bus (type 2)*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

bus (type 2) means:

- (a) a rigid bus that has 2 axles and an MRC exceeding 12 tonnes;
or
- (b) a rigid bus that has 3 axles or 4 axles.

7 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

converter dolly means a trailer, with one axle group or single axle and a fifth wheel coupling, designed to convert a semi trailer into a dog trailer.

8 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *dog trailer*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

dog trailer means a trailer (including a trailer consisting of a semi trailer and converter dolly) with:

- (a) one axle group or single axle at the front that is steered by connection to the towing vehicle by a drawbar; and
- (b) one axle group or single axle at the rear.

9 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *dolly*)

Repeal the definition.

10 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

drawbar means a part of a trailer (other than a semi trailer) that connects the trailer body to a coupling for towing purposes.

11 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

driver means the person driving or in control of a motor vehicle.

12 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

fifth wheel coupling means a device, other than the upper rotating element and the kingpin (which are parts of a semi trailer), used with a prime mover, semi trailer or a converter dolly to permit quick coupling and uncoupling and to provide for articulation.

13 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

load carrying trailer means a trailer that is carrying a load or that is built to carry a load.

14 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

long combination prime mover means a prime mover nominated to haul 2 or more trailers, but does not include a medium combination prime mover.

15 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *long combination prime mover (type 1)*)

Repeal the definition.

16 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *long combination prime mover (type 2)*)

Repeal the definition.

17 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

low loader means a gooseneck semi trailer with a loading deck no more than 1 metre above the ground.

18 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

low loader dolly means a mass-distributing device that:

- (a) is usually coupled between a prime mover and low loader; and
- (b) consists of a gooseneck rigid frame; and
- (c) does not directly carry any load on itself; and
- (d) is equipped with one or more axles, a kingpin and a fifth wheel coupling.

19 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *medium combination truck*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

medium combination truck means a truck, other than a short combination truck, nominated to haul one trailer.

20 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *pig trailer*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

pig trailer means a trailer with one axle group or single axle near the middle of its load-carrying surface, and connected to the towing vehicle by a drawbar.

21 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *pole type trailer*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

pole type trailer means a trailer that:

- (a) is attached to a towing vehicle by means of a pole or an attachment fitted to a pole; and
- (b) is ordinarily used for transporting loads, such as logs, pipes, structural members or other long objects, that are generally capable of supporting themselves like beams between supports.

22 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

quad-axle group means a group of 4 axles, in which the horizontal distance between the centre-lines of the outermost axles is more than 3.2 metres but not more than 4.9 metres.

23 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *Registration Authority*)

Repeal the definition.

24 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *semi trailer*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

semi trailer means a trailer (including a pole type trailer) that has:

- (a) one axle group or single axle towards the rear; and
- (b) a means of attachment to a prime mover that results in some of the load being imposed on the prime mover.

25 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule (definition of *short combination truck*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

short combination truck means a truck nominated to haul one trailer where, according to the nomination:

- (a) the combination has 6 axles or fewer; and
- (b) the maximum total mass that is legally allowable for the combination is 42.5 tonnes or less.

26 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

single axle means an axle not forming part of an axle group.

27 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

single axle group means a group of 2 or more axles, in which the horizontal distance between the centre-lines of the outermost axles is less than 1 metre.

28 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

tandem axle group means a group of at least 2 axles, in which the horizontal distance between the centre-lines of the outermost axles is at least 1 metre but not more than 2 metres.

29 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

tri-axle group means a group of at least 3 axles, in which the horizontal distance between the centre-lines of the outermost axles is more than 2 metres, but not more than 3.2 metres.

30 Clause 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Insert:

twinsteer axle group means a group of 2 axles:

- (a) with single tyres; and
- (b) fitted to a motor vehicle; and
- (c) connected to the same steering mechanism; and
- (d) the horizontal distance between the centre-lines of which is at least 1 metre, but not more than 2 metres.

31 Clause 2 of Part 1 of the Schedule

After “For the purposes of this Schedule”, insert “(other than the definitions of *single axle group*, *tandem axle group*, *twinsteer axle group*, *tri-axle group* and *quad-axle group*)”.

32 Clause 3 of Part 1 of the Schedule

Repeal the clause, substitute:

3. For the purposes of determining the number of trailers that a prime mover or truck may tow:
 - (a) a converter dolly and a semi trailer when used together are to be regarded as one trailer; and
 - (b) a low loader dolly and a low loader when used together are to be regarded as one trailer.

33 Part 2 of the Schedule

Repeal the Part, substitute:

Part 2—Annual registration charges

1 Load carrying vehicles

Load carrying vehicles				
Vehicle Type	2-axle	3-axle	4-axle	5-axle
1 Truck (type 1)	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$900
2 Truck (type 2)	\$500	\$800	\$2,000	\$2,000
3 Short combination truck	\$550	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
4 Medium combination truck	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$4,100	\$4,100
5 Long combination truck	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$5,250
6 Short combination prime mover	\$1,300	\$3,400	\$4,400	\$4,400
7 Medium combination prime mover	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$5,500
8 Long combination prime mover	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$5,500

2 Load carrying trailer, converter dolly and low loader dolly

The amount of the charge applicable to a load carrying trailer, a converter dolly or a low loader dolly is worked out using the formula:

$$\$300 \times \text{Number of axles}$$

3 Buses

Buses				
Item	Bus Type	2-axle	3-axle	4-axle
1	Bus (type 1)	\$300	Not applicable	Not applicable
2	Bus (type 2)	\$500	\$1,250	\$1,250
3	Articulated bus	Not applicable	\$500	\$500

34 Application of amendments

The amendments made by this Act apply to:

- (a) if this Act commences on or before 1 July 2000—charges in respect of the registration of a motor vehicle or trailer that comes into force on or after 1 July 2000; or
- (b) if this Act commences after 1 July 2000—charges in respect of the registration of a motor vehicle or trailer that comes into force after this Act commences.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 8 March 2000
Senate on 16 March 2000]*

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