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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE THE NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL, 2020 TO PARLIAMENT IN TERMS OF RULE 241(1) (b) OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Minister of Transport hereby in terms of National Assembly Rule No. 241(1) (b) intends introducing the National Road Traffic Amendment Bill, 2020 (“the Bill”) in Parliament during 2020.

The Bill and its Explanatory Memorandum were published for comments in the Government Gazette No. 38429, Notice Number 77 of 28 January 2015.

The objects of the Bill are as follows:-

To amend the National Road Traffic Act, 1996, so as to insert new definitions and to amend others; to provide for the suspension and cancellation of the registration of an examiner for driving licences or an examiner of vehicles, if such person has been convicted of an offence listed in Schedule 1 or 2 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977) or has a direct or indirect conflict of interest; to provide for the registration and grading of training centres; to further provide for the registration manufacturers, builders, body builders, importers and manufacturers of number plates, including manufacturers of reflective sheeting for number plates, suppliers of blank number plates, suppliers of reflective sheeting for number plates, embossers of number plates, weighbridge facilities, manufacturers of microdots, suppliers of microdots and microdot fitment centre ; to extend the right to appeal to a manufacturer of blank number plates, manufacturer of reflective sheeting for

number plates, supplier of blank number plates, supplier of reflective sheeting for number plates, embosser of number plates, weighbridge facility, manufacturer of microdots, supplier of microdots and microdot fitment centre; to require a provincial Department responsible for transport or local authority to register a driving licence testing centre before operating as a driving licence testing centre; to further provide for the appointment of inspectorate of manufacturers, building, body builders, importers, including inspectorates of number plates, microdots and weighbridge facilities; to provide for the surrender of a driving licence by a holder of a driving licence and the re-issuing of a different category of a licence on request to the chief executive officer; to prohibit the wilful or negligent issuing of a learner's licence or authorising the issue of a learner's licence, endorsing or failure to endorse a learner's licence, or to produce, print or manufacture any document similar to a learner's licence, contrary to Chapter IV; to prohibit the use of unauthorised aid during a test for a learner's licence or a driving licence test, and the disqualification therefor; to provide for the registration and grading of driving school instructors; to provide for the registration and grading of driving schools; to further prohibit and reduce the limit of alcohol in a specimen of blood taken from any part of the body; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Copies of the Bill and the Memorandum on the Objects can be obtained from the Office of the Government Printers on (012) 334 4500/ 334 4741 alternatively from the Department of Transport – (012) 309 3000.