

Road Transport Charges (Victoria) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 states the purpose of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act.

Clause 3 contains definitions.

Clause 4 provides that the Act is to bind the Crown.

Clause 5, by sub-clause (1), limits the ability of regulations under the **Road Safety Act 1986** to prescribe amounts as registration fees for heavy vehicles to amounts that are equal to those applying from time to time under the Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Act 1993 of the Commonwealth ("the Commonwealth Act"). Sub-clause (2) has the effect that in the event that fees set by the regulations differ from those under the Commonwealth Act the prescribed fees are to be those under the Commonwealth Act. Sub-clause (3) makes it clear that clause 5 does not detract from the power under the **Road Safety Act 1986** to make regulations dealing with the reduction, waiver or refund of fees.

Clause 6 deals with transitional matters.

Clause 7 has the effect of limiting the life of the Act to the life of the National Road Transport Commission, or in other words to the life of the uniform national scheme.

