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THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1923.

Western Samoa.

No. 8, 1923.



An Ordinance

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Act, 1921.

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Road Traffic Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1923.

Repeal of sub-clause (a) of clause 17.

2. Sub-clause (a) of Clause 17 of the Road Traffic Ordinance 1921 is hereby repealed, and the following sub-clause is enacted in lieu thereof:

Clause enacted in lieu of sub-clause (a) of clause 17.

“(a) drives any motor vehicle at a greater speed than twelve miles per hour along any road or street within the radius of a circle of two miles from the Customs House now existing at Apia, or”

Repeal of clause 14.

3. (1) Clause 14 of the Road Traffic Ordinance 1921 is repealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:

Enactment in lieu of clause 14.

“14. If it appear to the Commissioner of Police that any driver's license or driver's certificate ought to be cancelled or suspended by reason of the holder thereof having committed an offence under the Road Traffic Ordinance 1921 or being otherwise unfit to hold the same the said Commissioner may in his discretion cancel or suspend such license or certificate.

Cancellation or suspension of Driver's license.

“Provided that the said Commissioner shall before cancelling such license or certificate give to the holder thereof reasonable notice of his proposal so to do calling upon such holder to attend before the said Commissioner to show cause against such proposal.”

Amending clause 22.

(2) Clause 22 of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1921, is amended by omitting all the words after “£20” in the said clause.

Administrator may cause road or portion to be closed for wheeled traffic.

4. The Administrator may at any time and from time to time cause any road or portion thereof to be closed for wheeled traffic for such time as he may consider necessary and shall give such public

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notice of such closing as he thinks sufficient and it shall not be lawful for any person to use such road or portion for wheeled traffic while it is so closed.

5. The Administrator may cause to be set up on any bridge or road signposts or other signs denoting the limit of weight of any vehicle, engine or machine which may pass over such bridge or road and any person who drives over any bridge or road where any such sign is set up any vehicle, engine or machine which shall itself or together with any things being transported therein or thereon weigh more than the weight indicated by any such sign shall be guilty of an offence.

Administrator may denote limit of weight of vehicle on any bridge or road.

6. Clause 7 of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1921 is hereby amended by omitting the words—"for one year from the date of issue" substituting the words—"to the thirtyfirst day of March next following the date of issue and shall then expire but may be renewed by the Commissioner of Police upon payment of the prescribed fee."

Amendment of clause 7
Date of expiry of licenses.

7. Clauses 8, 9 & 10 of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1921, are hereby repealed.

Repeal of clauses 8, 9 & 10.

8. Clause 17 (k) of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1921, is hereby repealed, and the following sub-clause substituted therefor—
“(k) Drives any motor vehicle along any road or street without having affixed thereto two metal plates having painted thereon the license number of such vehicle in figures of such size and colour as the Commissioner of Police prescribes, so as to be clearly visible and legible by day and so that the plate at the rear is clearly decipherable after dark by the light of the tail-lamp, at a distance of 25 yards.”

Repeal of clause 17 (k).
Enactment in lieu of clause 17 (k)
Two metal plates with license number to be affixed to motor vehicles.

9. Clause 3 of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1921 is amended by adding the following sub-clause :—
“(k) Rides any bicycle or tricycle between the hours of sunset and sunrise without a sufficient brightly shining light.”

Clause 3 amended.
Bicycle without light.

Assented to this 12th day of
November, 1923.

[L.S.] GEO. S. RICHARDSON,
Administrator.