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An Act to amend the Transport Act 1966.

(9 April 2014)

The Parliament of the Cook Islands enacts as follows—

- 1 **Title**
This Act is the Transport Amendment Act 2014.
- 2 **Commencement**
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives assent by the Queen's Representative.
- 3 **Principal Act amended**
This Act amends the Transport Act 1966.
- 4 **Section 2 amended (Interpretation)**
Section 2 is amended by inserting the following definition in its appropriate alphabetical order:

“**full licence** means a driver's licence of any class that is not subject to the conditions of a learner licence, restricted licence or similar probationary conditions”
- 5 **New Section 17A inserted**
(1) The following section is inserted after section 17—

“17A Recognition of Overseas Driver Licences

- “(1) Despite any other provision in this Act, a person on arrival in the Cook Islands, is authorised to drive a motor vehicle on the road in the Cook Islands if that person—
- “(a) has a valid, lawful and current driver licence issued by a relevant authority in a country as prescribed by Order in Executive Council, to that person; and
 - “(b) the person is aged 16 years or older; and
 - “(c) the overseas driver licence is a full licence; and
 - “(d) the overseas driver licence is written in English, or the person carries an accurate English translation of the licence.
- “(2) Despite subsection (1) a person is only authorised to drive in the Cook Islands the class of motor vehicle to which they are entitled to drive as stated on their overseas drivers licence.
- “(3) A person who is authorised to drive pursuant to subsection (1) may continue to drive under that overseas driver licence until the first of the following situations occurs:
- “(a) the person has remained in the Cook Islands for a continuous period of 6 months; or
 - “(b) the persons overseas drivers licence is suspended, or expires, or is revoked; or
 - “(c) an order is made disqualifying the person from holding or obtaining a driver licence, either in the Cook Islands or in the jurisdiction that granted the overseas drivers licence

6 Section 31 amended (Disqualification of Driver’s licence and partial disqualifications)

- (1) Section 31(4) is amended by inserting “section 28A, section 28B, or section 28C” after “in contravention of section 25, section 28”.
- (2) Section 31(5) is amended by inserting “section 28A, section 28B, or section 28C” after “in contravention of section 25, section 28”.

7 Savings provisions

Any reference in the principal Act or its respective regulations, made to the term “driver’s licence” before this amendment comes into force is deemed to include a person authorised to drive pursuant to section 17A.